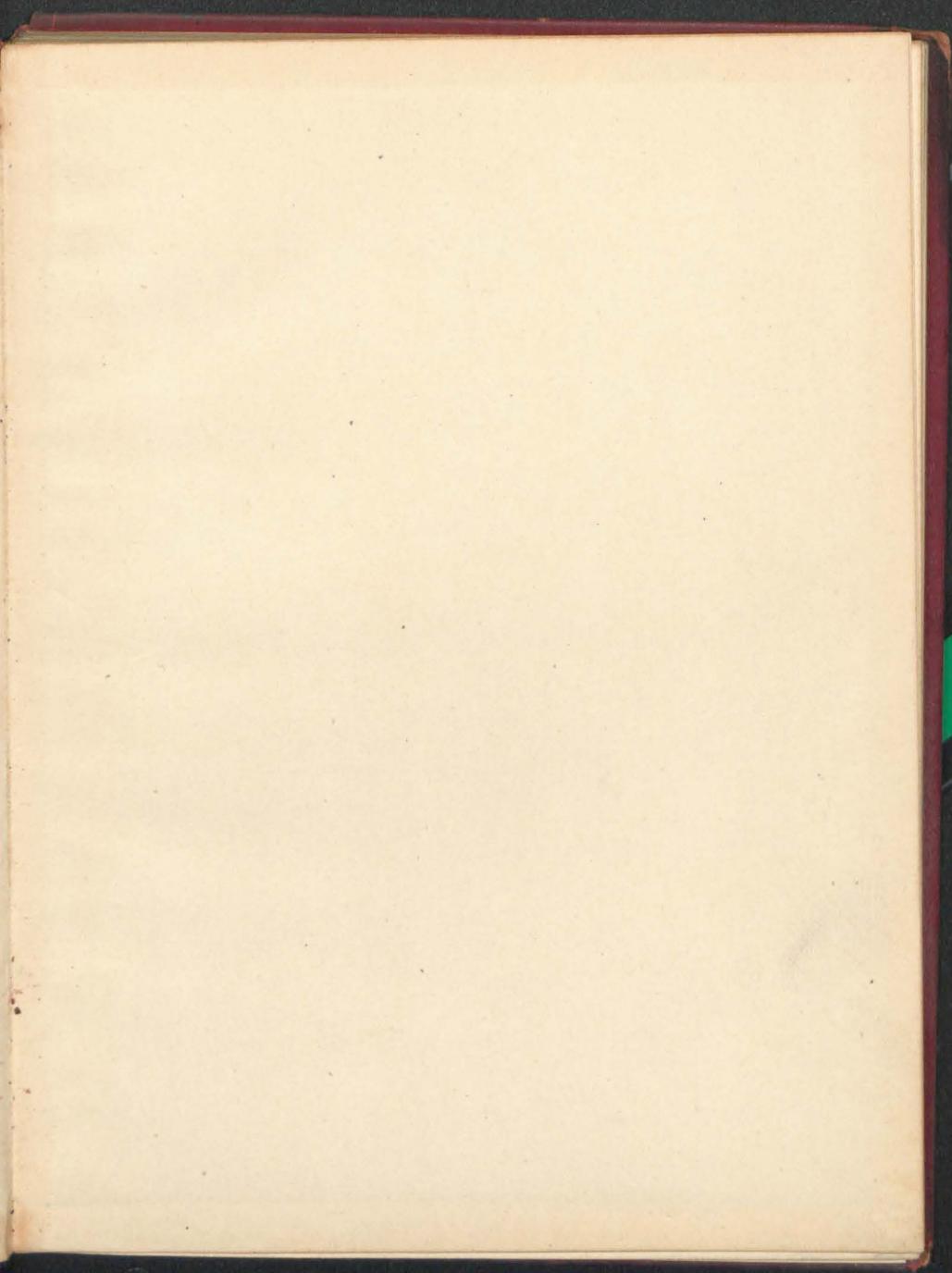


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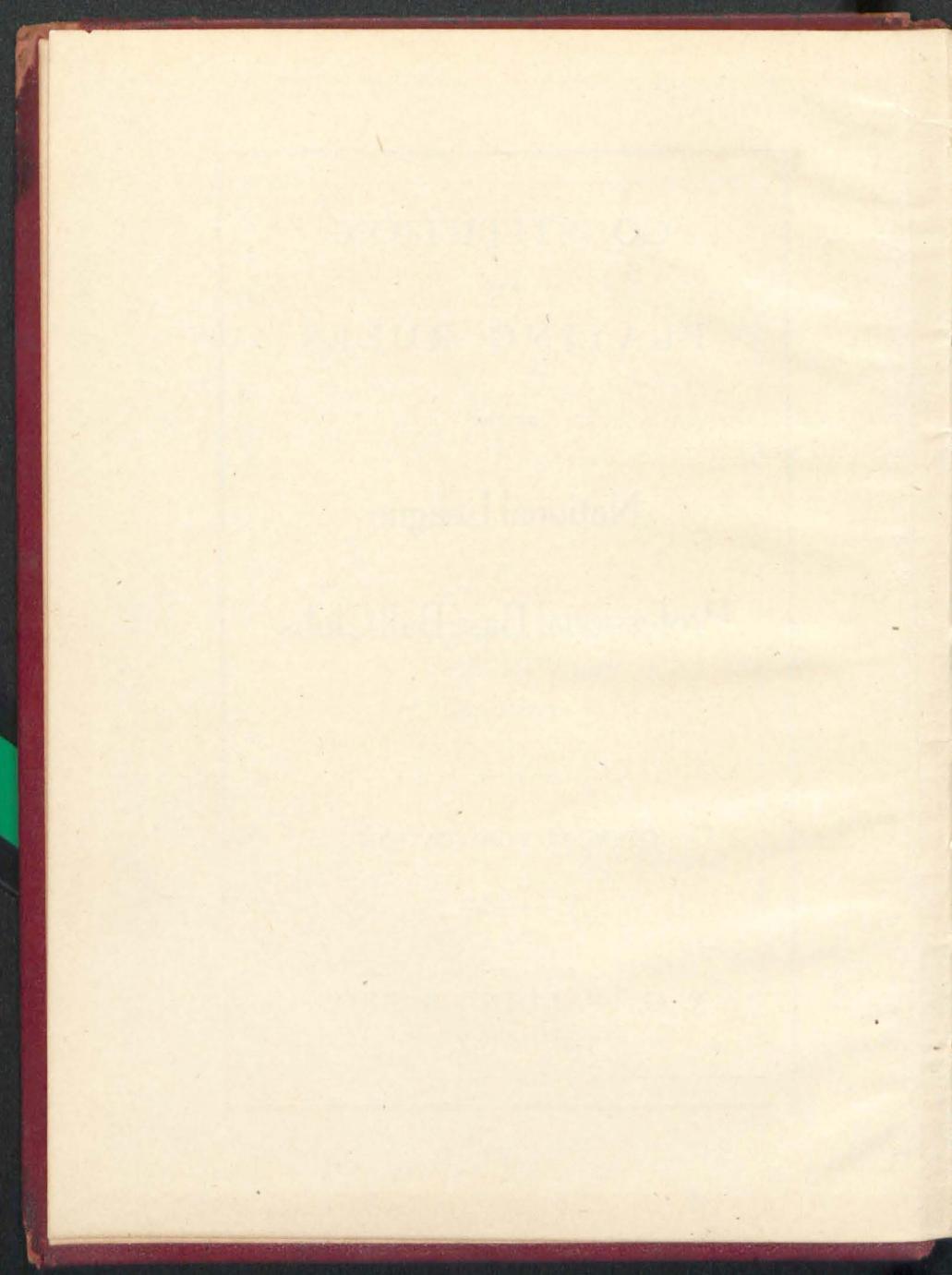


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Name.

SECTION 1. This Association shall be called the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs.

Objects.

SEC. 2. The objects of this League are:

1. To immortalize base ball as the national game of the United States.
2. To surround it with such safeguards as to warrant absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.
3. To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players, and
4. To establish and regulate the professional base ball championship of the United States.

Membership.

SEC. 3. This League shall consist of eight clubs (the membership shall not be increased or diminished except by unanimous consent of the League), located in and representing the following cities, to wit: Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago, and in no event shall there be more than one club in any city.

Withdrawal from Membership.

SEC. 4. Any club member of the League unable to meet the obligations it has assumed may ask the League for permission to dispose of its rights and franchises as a member of the League in that city to some other corporation. In the event of this League giving its consent to the transfer

of membership from one company to another it must be understood that the new member shall assume with the franchise and rights of the retiring company all the liabilities, responsibilities and obligations entered into by the retiring company. It must also be understood by the retiring and new company that the company retiring shall not be relieved or released from any contract or obligation entered into by it to this League until all of said contracts and obligations have been fully paid and determined by the company accepting its membership, rights and franchises.

Admission to Membership.

SEC. 5. A company to be admitted to membership in this League must first deliver to the Secretary of the League a written application signed by its President and Secretary, accompanied by documents showing that such company is regularly organized, chartered and officered, and is prepared to fully comply with the provisions of Section 4 of this Constitution. Such application shall at once be transmitted by the Secretary to the Board of Directors, who shall immediately investigate and report upon said application, said report to be communicated to the League through the Secretary.

SEC. 6. The voting upon an application for membership shall be by ballot, a three-fourths vote being requisite for election.

In Regard to Vacancies.

SEC. 7. In case a vacancy occurs in the membership of this organization during the championship season, the President shall nominate to all the clubs all applications for membership; and the vote thereon may be taken by telegraph or mail, as occasion may require, and a majority of all the clubs will be required to admit any applicant to membership. Such membership, however, shall continue only until the next annual meeting, but such club shall be subject to all the rules and requirements of this organization.

Termination of Membership.

SEC. 8. The membership of any club may be terminated:

1. By resignation duly accepted by a three-fourths vote of all clubs in meeting duly convened as provided in Section 4.

2. By failure to present its nine at the time and place agreed upon to play any championship game, unless caused by unavoidable accident in traveling.

3. By allowing open betting or pool selling upon its grounds or in any building owned or occupied by it.
4. By playing any game of ball with a club that is disqualified or ineligible under this Constitution.
5. By offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball; or failing to immediately expel any player who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon.
6. By disbandment of its organization or club team during the championship season.
7. By failing or refusing to fulfill its contractual obligations.
8. By failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement of the Board of Directors.
9. By wilfully violating any provision of this Constitution, or the legislation or playing rules made in pursuance thereof, or any violation of the provisions of the National Agreement.

The Expulsion of Clubs.

SEC. 9. To carry into effect the provisions of Section 8 of this Constitution, the facts in any case covered by such section must be reported to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once notify by mail or telegraph the party charged with the specified default or offense, and inquire whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged. In case the facts are disputed, the Board shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe; and their finding shall be final and conclusive on all parties except in case of expulsion, when such finding shall be forwarded to each club, which shall transmit to the Secretary written ballots "For Expulsion" or "Against Expulsion"; and if seven clubs vote "For Expulsion" the Secretary shall notify all clubs of the forfeiture of membership of the party charged.

Dues and Assessments.

SEC. 10. 1. Each club shall pay to the Secretary, on or before the first day of April of each year, the sum of \$100.00 as annual dues; and such other sums as from time to time may be assessed for the payment of salaries of officers and umpires, and for such other expenses as may be incurred by order of this League or the Board of Directors. Also all fines and penalties imposed by said League or its Board of Directors upon a club or upon any club officer, player,

manager, scorer, or other employe when so levied and imposed by virtue of, and in accordance with, the provisions of this Constitution and the Playing Rules of this League.

2. Upon conviction of any of the offenses prescribed in Section 8 as causes for expulsion, the Board of Directors may, in the first instance, as a preliminary to, or in lieu of expulsion, impose such a fine as is in their judgment commensurate with the injury; which fine may include a penalty payable to any other club or clubs as an equivalent for damages sustained for such violation of this Constitution, or of the legislation or contracts made in pursuance thereof.

Officers.

SEC. 11. At its annual meeting the League shall elect a President and a Secretary-Treasurer and Board of Directors. The President shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall report to the Board of Directors any violation of the provisions of this Constitution that may come to his knowledge. He shall be the sole interpreter of the Playing Rules during the championship season. He shall preside at all the meetings of the League, and at the annual meeting of the League shall act as schedule committee, unless said meeting shall otherwise direct.

Should the office of the President become vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the Board of Directors shall, within thirty days thereafter, elect a President. The office of President and Secretary-Treasurer may be held by the same person.

The Secretary's Duties.

SEC. 12. The Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the League, and as such shall be the custodian of all funds of the League, receive all dues, fees and assessments, which shall be placed to the credit of the Treasurer in some bank of deposit to meet current expenses. He shall make such payments as shall be ordered by the Board or by the vote of the League, and render annually a report of his accounts; and he shall give such bond, with approval securities, as the Board may require.

SEC. 13. The Secretary shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League; shall keep a true stenographic record of all meetings of the League and the Board; shall issue all official notices, and attend to the necessary correspondence; he shall also prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board,

and shall be entitled to such books, stationery, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require.

SEC. 14. The Secretary shall keep a record of all infractions of the rules and regulations of the League that may come under his notice, and shall make a report on the same to the Board at its next meeting.

SEC. 15. The Secretary shall receive such salary as the Board by vote shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling expenses actually incurred by him in the service of the League; and the Board may exact from him such guarantees for the faithful performance of his duties as they would deem for the interest and safety of the League. At the expiration of his term of office he shall account for, and deliver up to the Board, all the property and papers which may have come into his hands by virtue of his office.

SEC. 16. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President and four other members, to be chosen at the annual meeting by ballot, two of whom shall represent the Eastern clubs and two the Western clubs.

SEC. 17. In case of vacancy in the Board by reason of the death, resignation, absence, or disqualification of any Director, the club of which he was a member, at the time he was chosen, shall designate his successor, and at once notify the Secretary. But if such vacancy is caused by the withdrawal, disbanding, or disqualification of a club represented on the Board, the Board may fill the vacancy by election in the same manner as provided for the election of Directors in Section 11.

Qualification of Directors.

SEC. 18. No person shall be qualified to act as Director who is not an actual member of the club he represents; nor shall any club under any circumstances, be represented by more than one person on the Board of Directors; nor shall any Director sit in the trial of a cause in which his club is interested.

SEC. 19. The Board shall meet annually on the morning of the second Tuesday in December, at 12 o'clock noon, at the place where the annual meeting of the League is to be held, but may hold special meetings upon the call of the President or two members of the Board, whenever urgent necessity may require.

SEC. 20. The Board shall prepare a detailed report of all their doings, and present the same in writing to the

League at its annual meeting; which report shall, if accepted, be filed with the Secretary, together with all official papers, documents and property which may have come into their possession by virtue of their office.

SEC. 21. The Board shall have a general supervision and management of all the affairs, and business of the League, including the award of the championship and such other duties expressly or impliedly conferred upon them by this Constitution, or by legislation made in pursuance thereof. It shall be the sole and exclusive tribunal for the trial of managers or players for any violation of this Constitution or of the playing rules or other rules of discipline, unless the League by a three-fourths vote of its club membership, shall otherwise direct. It shall be the sole and exclusive tribunal to hear and determine disputes between clubs, complaints by a club against the manager or player of another club, or by a manager or player against his own club, or an appeal by a player against fine, suspension or expulsion by his own club, or complaint by the President of the League against a club for failure to comply with Constitution requirements, and generally for the adjudication of all issues of law or fact arising out of this Constitution, the Playing Rules and other legislation made in pursuance thereof.

SEC. 22. The Board shall adopt such regulations and such rules of procedure for the hearing and determination of all disputes and complaints brought before them. Where such dispute is in relation to a game alleged to have been played in violation of this Constitution or of the Playing Rules, the complaint and accompanying proofs must be filed within five days after the date of said game with the President of the Board, who shall send a copy of the same to the other clubs, with orders to file its answer within five days thereafter. The President of the Board shall in the first instance decide the dispute on its merits and forthwith communicate his decision to both clubs, either of which may within five days appeal from said decision to the full Board. Said decision, together with all other documents and proofs, shall thereupon be transmitted for a mail vote to the different members of the Board. The finding of the Board shall be final, and under no circumstances shall be reconsidered, reopened or inquired into, either by the League or any subsequent Board.

SEC. 23. The Board shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a manager or player of

another club (prior to the expiration of the championship season) for conduct in violation of any provision of this Constitution, or prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball; and shall have power to require the club, to which such player or manager may belong, to discipline him, and upon repetition of such offense to expel him. Provided, that such complaint be preferred in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and such particulars shall be transmitted to the Secretary, by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board.

SEC. 24. In case a player, under contract with a League club, shall, during a current season, prefer a complaint in writing to the Secretary of the League against such a club, alleging that such club is in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due on account of such contract, the Secretary shall at once transmit to the said club a copy of such complaint, and require an answer thereto. On receipt of such answer, or if five days shall have elapsed without receipt of an answer, the Secretary shall refer the papers in the case to the Board of Directors, and should the Board find the player's complaint sustained, they shall require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of its membership, to pay to the player forthwith the full amount ascertained to be due him. Provided, that should the player refuse to serve the club pending action by the Board on his complaint, he will thereby forfeit the benefits of the award, and in such case the Board shall revoke his award.

SEC. 25. The Board shall promptly hear an appeal made by any person who shall have been expelled, suspended or disciplined by his club, except in cases of expulsion as provided in Section 38. Such person shall, within thirty days after the date of the expulsion, suspension or discipline, file with the Secretary a written statement of his defense, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him. The Secretary shall notify the club of the request for an appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the appeal; and at the next meeting of the Board the club, by its duly authorized representative, and the appellant in person, by attorney or by written statement, shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render their decision, which shall be final and forever binding on both club and player.

SEC. 26. Any player under contract or reservation who may consider himself unjustly treated or wronged by his

club shall have the right to submit his case to the President of the League, who shall, after soliciting evidence concerning the matter, present the same to the Board for hearing, recommendation or adjudication. The Board shall have authority to impose any just fine or pecuniary penalty on a club, a manager or a player, if warranted by their findings and decisions, and they may impose the expenses of trials and hearings on one or both parties to the controversy. But such fine, penalty and expenses may be remitted by a three-fourths vote of the League upon appeal duly made and heard at an annual or special meeting.

Individual Club Control.

SEC. 27. Each club shall have the right to regulate its own affairs, to establish its own rules and to discipline, punish, suspend or expel its own manager, players or other employes, and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination, but shall include all questions of carelessness, indifference or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interest, and not in conflict with any provision of this Constitution, or the Playing Rules of this League.

Punishment of Scandalous Conduct.

SEC. 28. The President of the League shall have power, upon proper proof, to suspend for a definite period and to impose a fine not exceeding \$200 upon any League manager or player guilty, in public, of gross misbehavior, including intoxication, fighting, quarreling, indecency or other scandalous conduct, whether on or off the playing field, during the season, where the same is, in his opinion, calculated to bring disrepute upon the National League or National Game. Such fine can only be remitted by the Board of Directors after a hearing upon appeal duly prosecuted.

Club Territorial Rights.

SEC. 29. Every club of this League shall have exclusive control of the city in which it is located, and of the territory surrounding such city, to the extent of five miles in every direction from its corporate limits, and no visiting League club shall, under any circumstances, be allowed to play any club in such territory other than the League club therein located, without the consent of the local League club.

Reservation of Players.

SEC. 30. Each club a member of this League shall be entitled to the right of reservation. On or before the 20th day of September in each year each club shall transmit to the Secretary a reserve list of the players whose services it desires to retain for the ensuing season, and who are then under contract to the said club for the current or for any succeeding season or seasons, and in addition thereto the names of such players reserved in any prior annual list who have refused to contract with said club. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with, namely, players who have been secured by purchase or draft under the National Agreement for future services shall be ineligible to contract with any other club in this League except as hereinafter provided. No club shall have the right to reserve any player when in arrears of salary to him. The Secretary shall promulgate such lists on or before September 25th of each year.

Negotiating for Services.

SEC. 31. No player, without the consent of the club with which he is under contract or reservation, shall enter into negotiations with any other club for future services.

Contracts.

SEC. 32. Contracts made between a club and its players may be either by telegram or writing, to be followed within ten days thereafter by a contract in the form approved and promulgated by the Secretary to all the clubs of the League.

SEC. 33. The League shall adopt such form of contract as it may deem best for the protection of the rights of the parties thereto. All contracts must be approved by the Secretary, and duly promulgated by him. Whenever a club releases a player immediate notice must be given the President of the League, who shall at once notify all clubs of such release, and for a period of ten days after such notice by the President, any other club of the League shall have the right to claim the player released and negotiate for his services, and the player shall be ineligible to contract with a club of another League. Provided, however, that if a club desires to release a player for a consideration, and any other club of this League refuses to

waive claim, and the clubs interested cannot agree upon the terms for the release of the player, the matter should be arbitrated by the President of the League, and his decision shall be final and binding upon all clubs in interest. All releases to be valid must be authorized by the President of the releasing club.

Suspension and Expulsion of Players.

SEC. 34. Any player, while under contract with, or reservation by, a League club, who shall without the consent of such club, enter the service of any other club in any capacity, shall be liable to expulsion by said League club. Whenever a club suspends or expels a manager or player, that club shall at once notify the Secretary of this League, stating the date when the same takes effect, and in case of suspension or expulsion, the cause thereof.

SEC. 35. No manager or player, who has been suspended or expelled from a League club, shall at any time thereafter be allowed to play with, or serve in any capacity, any League club (either the one expelling him or any other) unless the term of suspension by the club has expired, or upon his appeal to this League, such expulsion or suspension shall have been set aside.

Effect of Club Disbandment.

SEC. 36. The disbandment of a League club, or its withdrawal from or loss of League membership, shall operate as a release of its players from contract and reservation with said club, but the right to contract with and reserve said players shall revert to the League, and they shall be subject to transfer to such other club as the League may designate after acceptance of their said services.

Playing with Outside Clubs.

SEC. 37. No game of base ball shall be played between a League club and any other club that has been expelled from membership in this League. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or presenting in its nine a player expelled, or under suspension from the League, or otherwise rendered ineligible by this League or a club member thereof.

Crookedness and its Penalties.

SEC. 38. Any person who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to cause any

game of ball to result otherwise than on its merits under the Playing Rules, shall be forever disqualified by the President of the League from acting as umpire, manager, player or in any other capacity in any game of ball participated in by a League club.

Umpires.

SEC. 39. A staff of League umpires shall be selected by the Secretary before the opening of the regular season.

1. Applicant for the position of umpire must state age, residence, experience, habits and such other qualifications as may be prescribed on forms prepared by the Secretary, which must have the endorsement of those who from skilled and personal knowledge can recommend the applicant for the position.

Independent of such endorsements, however, the Secretary shall make inquiries and inform himself, as far as practicable, as to the merits and qualifications of each applicant.

2. They shall be paid such salaries and allowed such expenses as may be mutually agreed upon by contract between them and the Secretary of the League, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the League.

But at least ten per cent. of current salaries shall be withheld by the Secretary until the termination of his contract for that season to secure such deductions for absences and the payment of such fines as may be lawfully imposed.

3. In the event of the failure of an umpire to umpire a game assigned to him it shall be the duty of the Secretary to provide a substitute to umpire such game; and in such case there shall be deducted from the next payment to the umpire the sum of twelve dollars for each game assigned to him, which for any reason he shall have failed to umpire.

4. It shall be the duty of each League club to accept as umpire for any championship game such umpire or substitute as the Secretary shall assign to such game. In the event of the non-appearance of the League umpire or substitute at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game each club captain shall then select one of the substitute players of the opposing club, and the two players thus selected shall be the duly authorized umpires for that game.

5. It shall be the duty of umpires to enforce the rules

as they are written, regardless of personal opinion as to their merits, subject to the Secretary's instructions as to their proper interpretation. They shall familiarize themselves with these sections of the Constitution, obey all orders of the Secretary, assigning their services and wear such uniform on the playing field as he may designate.

Supervision of Umpires.

SEC. 40. All complaints against umpires shall be submitted in writing or by telegraph to the President, who shall take such steps as he may deem proper (governed by the gravity of the charges) to ascertain as to the competency of the umpire complained of and to verify, if possible, by his own personal observation as to his merits or demerits. If the complaint be for a wilful violation of this Constitution, or of the Playing Rules or for neglect or refusal to enforce any of said rules or for any improper or ungentlemanly language or conduct while officiating as an umpire, and if upon investigation it be substantiated, the President shall have the right to fine, remove, suspend or expel the offender, as in his judgment the offense may justify.

Committees.

SEC. 41. At each annual meeting of the League the President shall appoint a committee of three on Playing Rules, a committee of three on Schedule and a committee of three on Constitutional Amendments.

The Championship.

SEC. 42. The Championship of the United States, established by this League, shall be contended for yearly by the clubs composing the League.

SEC. 43. The championship season shall extend from such date in April or May to such date in September or October as the League may determine at its stated or special meeting.

SEC. 44. Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series between such clubs shall be a game for the championship, and no League club shall lend or exchange players to or with each other for any game played during the championship season. Any violation of this section shall subject each offender to a fine of \$100.

SEC. 45. Each club shall play twelve or more cham-

pionship games with every other club; but a tie or draw game or a game prevented by rain or other causes shall be played off on the same ground on the next or a succeeding date of the same or subsequent series, whether open or scheduled for another game between the same clubs, thus compelling double games for said schedule date. If, however, both series shall have terminated, such postponed game must be played off on the ground of the other club on a date open or scheduled during a subsequent series between the same clubs.

SEC. 46. Each club shall have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its grounds, except as otherwise provided in Section 45; and in all the details of such games, that do not involve the rights of the visiting club under the Playing Rules, but relate solely to such games as attractive exhibitions to the patrons of the home club, the visiting club shall defer to the wishes of the home club; provided, nevertheless, that the home club shall not be permitted to change the usual hour for the commencement of scheduled games in its particular city more than thirty (30) minutes without first having obtained the consent of the visiting club thereto, under a penalty to the visiting club of \$500. The visiting club shall furnish to a person designated by the home club the batting order of its nine by 10 o'clock on the morning of the day of each game, or the evening previous, if requested. In case of the failure of any visiting club to furnish the batting order of its nine as herein stipulated, it shall forfeit the sum of \$10, which amount shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of the League, upon the receipt of notice from him of the infliction of such fine, which notice shall be given by the Secretary upon receipt of complaint from the home club.

It shall be the duty of the home club to furnish the manager and captain of the visiting club with a list of the batting order before the commencement of the game under similar penalties for default as herein prescribed. The visiting club shall have the right to practise its nine on the grounds of the home club between 11 and 12 o'clock A. M. on each day of its visit during the championship season.

The Championship Schedule.

SEC. 47. All championship games shall be arranged in a written schedule prepared by the Schedule Committee,

and reported to and adopted by the League by a three-fourths vote before the beginning of the championship season. The schedule shall provide for an equal number of return games, and shall specify the date of each game and the date of each series of games. No date in said schedule shall subsequently be changed, except (1) by written agreement of two clubs from a date fixed by the schedule for a game between such clubs to an open date on the same ground; or (2) as provided in Section 45; or (3) by the written consent of three-fourths of all the League clubs.

Any club or clubs violating this section shall be amenable to a penalty of \$1,000. Said penalty to be paid within forty-eight hours to the Treasurer of the League, or if not so paid to be withheld from any funds to their credit in the hands of the Treasurer. All games played in violation of this section shall not count in the championship series.

The Admission Fees and Receipts.

SEC. 48. The general admission fee to all championship games shall be fifty (50) cents, but each club shall designate a part of its grounds, and provide seats thereon, the admission fee to which shall be twenty-five (25) cents, and all division of percentages shall be made on the basis of fifty (50) cents, except as to that part of the grounds the admission fee to which is fixed at twenty-five (25) cents, and as to such part of said grounds all divisions of percentage shall be on the basis of twenty-five (25) cents.

At the conclusion of each championship game the home club shall deliver to the manager of the visiting club (and shall transmit by mail to the President or other designated officials of the visiting club a duplicate of the same) a statement of the receipts of said game, which must include all fifty-cent and twenty-five cent admissions, and shall pay to the visiting club fifty per centum of said receipts.

The Ball Park.

SEC. 49. Each park shall be provided with a sufficient number of exits and entrances (not exceeding four) for the accommodation of the public, and a separate entrance shall be maintained for the convenience of the press representatives and those entitled to the courtesies of the grounds.

I. Additional entrances may be opened upon holidays, but for such days the visiting club shall be given at least

ten days' notice of the whole number and their location.

2. Emergency gates may be opened at any time by consent of the visiting club, if occasion requires.

The Turnstile Count.

SEC. 50. The number of persons admitted to the grounds shall be determined by the use of the necessary number of self-registering turnstiles, the arms of which shall extend within four inches of a dividing partition, the keys of which shall be delivered to the agent of the visiting club before the opening of the grounds for each game; and said agent of the visiting club shall have full access to such turnstile, and the box of such turnstile shall not be removed until after the close of the seventh inning, and in case a carriage gate is used a ticket for each person admitted through such gate shall at once be delivered to the agent of the visiting club. The visiting club shall have the right to accept the turnstile count for each and all games, or to count all tickets. Each club shall be required to use for its business substantial pasteboard tickets, which can be readily counted.

Special Entrance.

SEC. 51. No person shall be admitted free to a championship game, except players and officers of contesting clubs, umpires, policemen in uniform, necessary employes of the home club, representatives of the press and such invited guests as the President of the home club may deem proper to recognize, all of whom must pass through a self-registering turnstile at the special entrance provided for the press, and said turnstile shall be subject to the same right of inspection by the visiting club that is provided in all other entrances.

1. It shall be the duty of the President of the League to inspect all ball parks from time to time, and to report to the Board of Directors any failure to comply with this or any other section of the Constitution.

Stopping Play to Catch Trains.

SEC. 52. On any day when either club is required to leave a city to, or in order to reach another city in time, where it is scheduled to play its next game, the home club shall be compelled, upon proper notice by the visiting club, to begin the game three hours and a half before the time of the departure of the last train by means of which

either club can reach next scheduled point in time. And either club may leave the field at any time within one hour of said train time without forfeiting any rights or privileges, provided five innings on each side have been played, and the umpire shall be the sole judge of the time.

Giving out Admission Checks.

SEC. 53. In the event of a game being stopped by rain or declared forfeited before completion of five innings, the home club may issue admission checks good for the next succeeding game. If such checks are so issued, the visiting club shall not be entitled to its percentage of receipts; but if such checks are not issued the visiting club shall be entitled to its percentage of receipts, precisely as if the game had been fully played.

Forfeited Games.

SEC. 54. A club shall be entitled to forfeited games—to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none—in case where the umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account of the violation by the contesting club of any section of this Constitution or of any playing rules. In the event of a forfeiture for any reason, the forfeiting club shall incur such penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars as may be imposed by the Board of Directors after a hearing held within one week from the date of such game, and any damages suffered by the non-offending club shall be paid out of such penalty. In addition to the penalty above referred to, the captain or manager, or the person in charge of the offending team and responsible for the team leaving the field, shall incur a penalty of one hundred dollars, which shall be paid within five days to the Secretary of the League, said penalty not to be remitted under any circumstances. In case such penalties are not paid within ten days after being imposed, the club and player cannot participate in a championship game.

Drawn Games.

SEC. 55. Drawn, tie and postponed games shall not count in the series as games (but any game of not less than five innings shall be included in the averages), but must be played off, if possible, as provided in Section 45. If they cannot be played off, as therein provided, they may

subsequently be played off, if sufficient time exists before the close of the season.

Double games for one admission shall not be permitted unless previously scheduled as such or rendered compulsory by the playing off of postponed games, as provided in Section 45.

Winning the Pennant.

SEC. 56. The club which shall have won the greatest percentage of games in the championship series, shall be declared the champion club of the United States, for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same percentage of games, then the Board shall at once arrange a special series of three games between any two of such clubs, such games to be played at the close of the championship season, and the games so played shall be included in the championship record, and counted in determining the award of the championship. In such case only the provisions of this Constitution prohibiting the playing or recording as championship games, games played after the expiration of the championship season, shall have no effect. The emblem of the championship shall be a pennant (of the National colors) to cost not less than one hundred dollars (\$100). It shall be inscribed with the motto, "Champion Base Ball Club of the United States," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was won, and the champion club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing year.

Deciding the Championship.

SEC. 57. The championship shall be decided in the following manner: Within twenty-four hours after every match game played for the championship, the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the Playing Rules, together with the date, the place where played, the name of the clubs and umpire, provided that no tie or drawn game shall be considered a game for any purpose except the averages; and provided, further, that in any case where the Secretary shall not receive the score of a championship game within five days after the playing of such game, the club whose duty it is to forward such score shall pay to the League the sum of \$2 as the penalty of such default.

At the close of the season the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by each club, according to the statement so sent him, which statement shall be the sole evidence in the matter, and submit the same, with the statement so sent him, to the Board, which shall make the award in writing, and report the same to the League at its annual meeting.

In making the award the Board shall consider:

1. The tabular statement of the Secretary.
2. Forfeited games.

3. Games participated in by clubs which have withdrawn, disbanded or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other League clubs, such games shall be counted to the following extent:

The Board shall ascertain the least number of championship games played by such club with any club remaining in the League, and shall from the first game participated in during the championship series by such retired club, count in the series of each League club a similar number of games, and all other games participated in by such retired club shall not be counted in the championship series. Provided, that if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship game with every League club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

Meetings.

SEC. 58. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the second Tuesday in December of each year, at 2 o'clock P. M., and at such places as shall have been determined by a vote at the previous annual meeting.

SEC. 59. Special meetings may be called by the President of this League on his own option or on the written call of six clubs.

Club Representation.

SEC. 60. At such meeting each club shall be represented and shall be entitled to two representatives, and to have in addition thereto any of its officers or ex-officers present at such meetings; but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement as a ball player or manager, and belonging to the nine of said club in such capacity. They shall, if requested by any other club representative, present a certi-

ficate of their appointment duly attested by at least two officers of their club showing their authority to act, but no club shall have more than one vote.

Executive Session.

SEC. 61. This League may, upon a majority vote of its members, elect to go into executive session for the transaction of its business, and during such session no club shall be entitled to more than two representatives.

Quorum.

SEC. 62. A representation of a majority of clubs shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained. When obtained it may be maintained by locking the doors of the meeting room, the appointment of doorkeepers and such other procedures usual in parliamentary bodies to maintain quorums and dispatch business.

Order of Business.

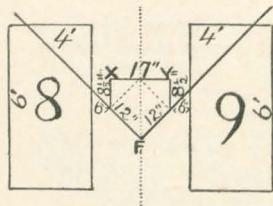
SEC. 63. The following shall be the order of business unless suspended by a three-fourths vote of the club members:

1. Reading minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Report of Committees.
4. Election of new members.
5. Amendment of Constitution.
6. Adoption of Playing Rules.
7. Election of officers.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

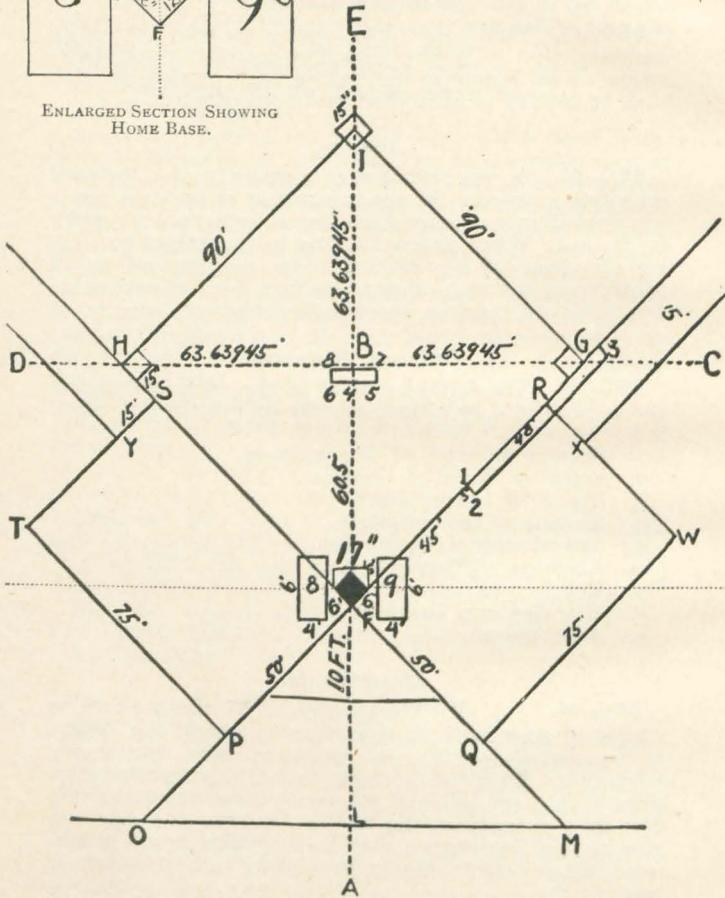
Amendments.

SEC. 64. (1) The Constitution of this League may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of the League at any annual meeting, or by a unanimous vote at any other time. Provided, however, that this section and Sections 3, 8, 9, 38, 48 shall not be altered or amended except by a unanimous vote of this League. (2) Any section of this Constitution may be suspended or its provision made non-applicable by unanimous vote at a League meeting.

CORRECT DIAGRAM OF A BALL FIELD



ENLARGED SECTION SHOWING
HOME BASE.



The Official Playing Rules OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS

As adopted at the meeting of the Joint Playing Rules Committee of the National League and the American League, held at National League Headquarters, New York City, March 2, 1904.

The Ball Ground.

RULE 1. The ball ground must be enclosed and sufficient in size to permit the players of the team not at bat to be stationed at the positions respectively assigned to them by their captain. To obviate the necessity for ground rules, the shortest distance from a fence or stand on fair territory to the home base should be 235 feet and from home base to the grandstand, 90 feet.

To Lay Off the Field.

RULE 2. To lay off the lines defining the location of the several bases, the catcher's and the pitcher's position and establishing the boundaries required in playing the game of base ball, proceed as follows:

Diamond or Infield.

From a point, A, within the grounds, project a straight line out into the field, and at a point, B, 154 feet from point A, lay off lines B C and B D at right angles to the line A B; then, with B as a center and 63.63945 feet as a radius, describe arcs cutting the lines B A at F and B C at G, B D at H and B E at I. Draw lines F G, G E, E H, and H F, which said lines shall be the containing lines of the Diamond or Infield.

The Catcher's Lines.

RULE 3. With F as a center and 10 feet radius, describe an arc cutting line F A at L, and draw lines L M and L O at right angles to F A, and continue same out from F A not less than 10 feet.

The Foul Lines.

RULE 4. From the intersection point, F, continue the straight lines F G and F H until they intersect the lines L M and L O, and then from the points G and H in the opposite direction until they reach the boundary lines of the ground.

The Players' Lines.

With F as center and 50 foot radius, **RULE 5.** describe arcs cutting lines F O and F M at P and Q; then, with F as center again and 75 feet radius, describe arcs cutting F G and F H at R and S; then, from the points P, Q, R and S draw lines at right angles to the lines F O, F M, F G and F H, and continue the same until they intersect at the points T and W.

The Coacher's Lines.

With R and S as centers and 15 feet radius, describe arcs cutting the lines R W and S T at X and Y and from the points X and Y draw lines parallel with the lines F H and F G, and continue same out to the boundary lines of the ground.

The Three-Foot Line.

With F as a center and 45 feet radius, **RULE 7.** describe an arc cutting the line F G at 1, and from 1 to the distance of three feet draw a line at right angles to F G, and marked point 2; then from point 2, draw a line parallel with the line F G to a point three feet beyond the point G, marked 3; then from the point 3 draw a line at right angles to line 2, 3, back to and intersecting with F G, and from thence back along the line G F to point 1.

The Batsman's Lines.

On either side of the line A F B describe two parallelograms six feet long and four feet wide (marked 8 and 9), their longest side being parallel with the line A F B, their distance apart being six inches added to each end of the length of the diagonal of the square within the angle F, and the center of their length being on said diagonal.

The Pitcher's Plate.

RULE 9. SECTION 1. With point F as center and 60.5 feet as radius, describe an arc cutting the line F B at line 4, and draw a line 5, 6, passing through point 4 and extending 12 inches on either side of line F B; then with line 5, 6, as a side, describe a parallelogram 24 inches by 6 inches, in which shall be located the pitcher's plate.

SEC. 2. The pitcher's plate shall not be more than 15 inches higher than the base lines or the home plate, which shall be level with the surface of the field, and the slope from the pitcher's plate to every base line and the home plate shall be gradual.

The Bases.

RULE 10. SECTION 1. Within the angle F, describe a five-sided figure, two of the sides of which shall coincide with the lines F G and F H to the extent of 12 inches each, thence parallel with the line F B $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches to the points X and Y, a straight line between which, 17 inches, will form the front of the home base or plate.

SEC. 2. Within the angles at G, I and H describe squares, whose sides are 15 inches in length, two of such sides of which squares shall lie along the lines F G and G I, G I and I H, I H and H F, which squares shall be the location of the first, second and third bases respectively.

RULE 11. The Home Base at F and the Pitcher's Plate at 4 must each be of whitened rubber, and so fixed in the ground as to be even with its surface.

RULE 12. The First Base at G, the Second Base at E, and the Third Base at H must each be a white canvas bag filled with soft material and securely fastened in place at the point specified for it in Rule 10.

RULE 13. The lines described in Rules 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 must be marked with lime, chalk or other white material, easily distinguishable from the ground or grass.

The Ball.

SECTION 1. The ball must weigh not less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. The Spalding National League Ball or the Reach American League Ball must be used in all games played under these rules.

SEC. 2. Two regulation balls of the make adopted by the league of which the contesting clubs are members, shall be delivered by the home club to the umpire at or before the hour for the commencement of a championship game. If the ball first placed in play be batted or thrown out of the grounds or into one of the stands for spectators or in the judgment of the umpire, become unfit for play from any cause, the umpire shall at once deliver the alternate ball to the pitcher and another legal ball shall be supplied to him, so that he shall at all times have in his control one or more alternate balls to substitute for the ball in play in any of the contingencies above set forth. Provided, however, that all balls batted or thrown out of the ground or into a stand, shall when returned to the field be given into the custody of the umpire immediately and become alternate balls and so long as he has in his possession two or more alternate balls, he shall not call for a new ball to replace a ball that has gone out of play. The alternate balls shall become the ball in play in the order in which they were delivered to the umpire.

SEC. 3. Immediately upon the delivery to him of the alternate ball by the umpire, the pitcher shall take his position and on the call of "Play," by the umpire, it shall become the ball in play. Provided, however, that play shall not be resumed with the alternate ball when a fair batted ball or a ball thrown by a fielder goes out of the ground or into a stand for spectators until the base-runners have completed the circuit of the bases unless compelled to stop at second or third base in compliance with a ground rule.

The Spalding League Ball has been adopted by the National League for the past twenty-seven years and readopted in 1902 for five years, and is used in all League contests.

For junior clubs (clubs composed of boys under 16 years of age) we recommend them to use the Spalding Boy's League Ball, and that games played by junior clubs with this ball will count as legal games the same as if played with the Official League Ball.

Discolored or Damaged Balls.

SEC. 4. The ball in play shall not be intentionally discolored by rubbing it with the soil or otherwise damaged. In the event of a new ball being intentionally discolored, or damaged by a player, the umpire shall upon appeal by the captain of the opposite side, forthwith demand the return of that ball and substitute for it another legal ball, as hereinbefore described, and impose a fine of \$5.00 on the offending player.

Home Club to Provide Balls.

SEC. 5. In every game the balls played with shall be furnished by the home club, and the last in play shall become the property of the winning club. Each ball shall be enclosed in a paper box, sealed with the seal of the Secretary of the League and bearing his certificate that he has examined, measured and weighed it and that it is of the required standard in all respects. The seal shall not be broken by the umpire except in the presence of the captains of the contesting teams after "Play" has been called.

Reserve Balls on Field.

SEC. 6. The home club shall have at least a dozen regulation balls on the field during each championship game, ready for use on the call of the umpire.

Unfit Ball for Play.

SEC. 7. Should the ball become ripped or in any way damaged so as to be, in the opinion of the umpire, unfit for use, he shall, upon appeal by either captain, at once call for a new ball and put the alternate ball into play.

The Bat.

RULE 15. The bat must be round, not over two and three-fourth inches in diameter at the thickest part, nor more than 42 inches in length and entirely of hardwood, except that for a distance of 18 inches from the end, twine may be wound around or a granulated substance applied to the handle.

Number of Players in a Game.

RULE 16. The players of each club, actively engaged in a game at one time, shall be nine in number, one of whom shall act as captain; and in no case shall more or less than nine men be allowed to play on a side in a game.

Positions of the Players.

RULE 17. The players may be stationed at any point of the field their captain may elect, regardless of their respective positions, except that the pitcher, while in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, must take his position as defined in Rules 9 and 30; and the catcher must be within the lines of his position as defined in Rule 3 and within 10 feet of home base, whenever the pitcher delivers the ball to the bat.

Must Not Mingle With Spectators.

RULE 18. Players in uniform shall not be permitted to occupy seats in the stands, or to mingle with the spectators.

Uniforms of Players.

RULE 19. Every club shall adopt two uniforms for its players, one to be worn in games at home and the other in games abroad, and the suits of each of the uniforms of a team shall conform in color and style. No player who shall attach anything to the sole or heel of his shoe other than the ordinary base ball shoe plate, or who shall appear in a uniform not conforming to the suits of the other members of his team, shall be permitted to take part in a game.

Size and Weight of Gloves.

RULE 20. The catcher or first baseman may wear a glove or mitt of any size, shape or weight. Every other player is restricted to the use of a glove or mitt weighing not over 10 ounces and measuring not over 14 inches around the palm.

Players' Benches.

RULE 21. SECTION I. Players' benches must be furnished by the home club and placed upon a portion of the ground not less than twenty-five (25) feet outside of the players' lines. One such

bench shall be for the exclusive use of the visiting team and the other for the exclusive use of the home team. Each bench must be covered with a roof and closed at the back and each end; a space, however, not more than six (6) inches wide may be left under the roof for ventilation. All players and substitutes of the side at bat must be seated on their team's bench, except the batsman, base-runners and such as are legally assigned to coach base-runners. Under no circumstances shall the umpire permit any person except the players and substitutes in uniform and the manager of the team entitled to its exclusive use to be seated on a bench.

Penalty for Violation.

SEC. 2. To enforce this rule the captain of the other side may call the attention of the umpire to its violation by his opponents, whereupon the umpire shall immediately order such player or players as have disregarded it to be seated. If the order be not obeyed within one minute the offending player or players shall be fined \$5.00 each by the umpire. If the order be not then obeyed within one minute, the offending player or players shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall be obliged to forthwith leave the playing field.

A Regulation Game.

RULE 22. Every championship game must be commenced not later than two hours before sunset and shall continue until each team has had nine innings, provided, however, that the game shall terminate:

- (1) If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings.
- (2) If the side last at bat in the ninth inning scored the winning run before the third man is out.

Extra-Inning Games.

RULE 23. If the score be a tie at the end of nine (9) innings for each team, play shall be continued until one side has scored more runs than the other in an equal number of innings, provided, that if the side last at bat score the winning run before the third man is out in any inning after the ninth, the game shall terminate.

Drawn Games.

RULE 24. A drawn game shall be declared by the umpire if the score is equal on the last even inning played when he terminates play on account of darkness, rain, fire, panic, or for other cause which puts patrons or players in peril, after five or more equal innings have been played by each team. But if the side that went second to bat is at the bat when the game is terminated, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, the umpire shall declare the game drawn without regard to the score of the last equal inning.

Called Games.

RULE 25. If the umpire call "Game" on account of darkness, rain, fire, panic, or other cause which puts patrons or players in peril, at any time after five innings have been completed, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, but if the side second at bat shall have scored in an unequal number of innings, or before the completion of the unfinished inning, one or more runs than the side first at bat, the score of the game shall be the total number of runs each team has made.

Forfeited Games.

RULE 26. A forfeited game shall be declared by the umpire in favor of the club not in fault, at the request of such club, in the following cases:

SECTION 1. If the team of a club fail to appear upon the field, or being upon the field, refuse to begin a game for which it is scheduled or assigned, within five minutes after the umpire has called "Play" at the hour for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing, or in commencing the game, be unavoidable.

SEC. 2. If, after the game has begun, one side refuse to continue to play, unless the game has been suspended or terminated by the umpire.

SEC. 3. If, after play has been suspended by the umpire, one side fail to resume playing in one minute after the umpire has called "Play."

SEC. 4. If a team employ tactics palpably designed to delay the game.

SEC. 5. If, after warning by the umpire, any one of the rules of the game be wilfully and persistently violated.

SEC. 6. If the order for the removal of a player, as authorized by Rules 21, 58 and 64, be not obeyed within one minute.

SEC. 7. If, because of the removal of players from the game by the umpire, or for any cause, there be less than nine players on either team.

SEC. 8. If, when two games are scheduled to be played in one afternoon, the second game be not commenced within ten minutes of the time of the completion of the first game. The umpire of the first game shall be the timekeeper.

SEC. 9. In case the umpire declare the game forfeited, he shall transmit a written report thereof to the president of the League within twenty-four hours thereafter. However, a failure on the part of the umpire to so notify the president shall not affect the validity of his award of the game by forfeiture.

No Game.

RULE 27. "No game" shall be declared by the umpire if he terminates play on account of rain or darkness, fire, panic, or any other cause which puts the patrons or players in peril before five innings are completed by each team. Provided, however, that if the club second at bat shall have made more runs at the end of its fourth inning than the club first at bat has made in five completed innings of a game so terminated, the umpire shall award the game to the club having made the greater number of runs, and it shall count as a legal game in the championship record.

Substitutes.

RULE 28. SECTION 1. Each side shall be required to have present on the field during a championship game a sufficient number of substitute players in uniform, conforming to the suits worn by their team-mates, to carry out the provisions of this code which requires that not less than nine players shall occupy the field in any inning of the game.

SEC. 2. Any such substitute may at any stage of the game take the place of a player whose name is in his team's batting order, but the player whom he succeeds shall not thereafter participate in that game.

SEC. 3. A base-runner shall not have another player whose name appears in the batting order of his team run for him except by the consent of the captain of the other team.

Choice of Innings—Fitness of Field for Play.

RULE 29. The choice of innings shall be given to the captain of the home club, who shall be the sole judge of the fitness of the ground for beginning a game after a rain; but, after play has been called by the umpire, he alone shall be the judge as to the fitness of the ground for resuming play after the game has been suspended on account of rain.

THE PITCHING RULES.

Delivery of the Ball to the Bat.

RULE 30. Preliminary to pitching, the pitcher shall take his position facing the batsman with both feet squarely on the ground and in front of the pitcher's plate; and in the act of delivering the ball to the bat he must keep one foot in contact with the pitcher's plate defined in Rule 9. He shall not raise either foot until in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, nor make more than one step in such delivery.

A Fairly Delivered Ball.

RULE 31. A fairly delivered ball is a ball pitched or thrown to the bat by the pitcher while standing in his position and facing the batsman that passes over any portion of the home base, not lower than the batsman's knee, nor higher than his shoulder. For every such fairly delivered ball the umpire shall call one strike.

An Unfairly Delivered Ball.

RULE 32. An unfairly delivered ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the pitcher while standing in his position and facing the batsman that does not pass over any portion of the home base between the batsman's shoulder and knee. For every unfairly delivered ball the umpire shall call one ball.

Delaying the Game.

RULE 33. SECTION 1. If, after the batsman be standing in his proper position ready to strike at a pitched ball, the ball be thrown by the pitcher to any player other than the catcher when in the catcher's lines and within 10 feet of the home base (except in an attempt to retire a base runner), each ball so thrown shall be called a ball.

SEC. 2. The umpire shall call a ball on the pitcher each time he delays the game by failing to deliver the ball to the batsman for a longer period than 20 seconds, excepting that at the commencement of each inning, or when a pitcher relieves another, the pitcher may occupy one minute in delivering not to exceed five balls to the catcher or an infielder, during which time play shall be suspended.

Balking.

A balk shall be:

RULE 34. SECTION 1. Any motion made by the pitcher while in position to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it, or to throw to first base when occupied by a base runner without completing the throw.

SEC. 2. Throwing the ball by the pitcher to any base to catch the base runner without stepping directly toward such base in the act of making such throw.

SEC. 3. Any delivery of the ball to the bat by the pitcher while either foot is back of the pitcher's plate.

SEC. 4. Any delivery of the ball to the bat by the pitcher while he is not facing the batsman.

SEC. 5. Any motion in delivering the ball to the bat by the pitcher while not in the position defined by Rule 30.

SEC. 6. Holding of the ball by the pitcher so long as, in the opinion of the umpire, to unnecessarily delay the game.

SEC. 7. Making any motion to pitch while standing in his position without having the ball in his possession.

SEC. 8. Making any motion of the arm, shoulder, hip or body the pitcher habitually makes in his method of delivery, without immediately delivering the ball to the bat.

SEC. 9. Delivery of the ball to the bat when the catcher is standing outside the lines of the catcher's position as defined in Rule 3.

If the pitcher shall fail to comply with the requirements of any section of this rule, the umpire shall call a "balk."

Dead Ball.

RULE 35. A dead ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the pitcher, not struck at by the batsman, that touches any part of the batsman's person or clothing while standing in his position, or that before passing or getting beyond the control of the catcher touches any part of the clothing or person of the umpire while he is on foul ground.

Ball Not in Play.

RULE 36. In case of a foul strike, foul hit ball not legally caught, dead ball, or a fair hit ball touching a base runner, the ball shall not be considered in play until it be held by the pitcher standing in his position, and the umpire shall have called "Play."

Block Balls.

SECTION 1. A block is a batted or thrown ball that is touched, stopped or handled by a person not engaged in the game.

SEC. 2. Whenever a block occurs the umpire shall declare it, and base runners may run the bases without liability to be put out until the ball has been returned to and held by the pitcher in his position.

SEC. 3. If the person not engaged in the game should retain possession of a blocked ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the fielders, the umpire shall call "Time" and require each base runner to stop at the base last touched by him until the ball be returned to the pitcher in his position and the umpire shall have called "Play."

THE BATTING RULES.**The Batsman's Position.**

RULE 38. Each player of the side at bat shall become the batsman and must take his position within the batsman's lines (as defined in Rule 8) in the order that his name appears in his team's batting list.

The Order of Batting.

RULE 39. The batting order of each team must be delivered before the game by its captain to the umpire who shall submit it to the inspection of the captain of the other side. The batting order

delivered to the umpire must be followed throughout the game unless a player be substituted for another, in which case the substitute must take the place in the batting order of the retired player.

The First Batsman in an Inning.

RULE 40. After the first inning the first striker in each inning shall be the batsman whose name follows that of the last man who completed his "time at bat" in the preceding inning.

Players Belong on Bench.

RULE 41. When a side goes to the bat its players must immediately seat themselves on the bench assigned to them as defined in Rule 21, and remain there until their side is put out, except when called to the bat or to act as coaches or substitute base runners.

Reserved for Umpire, Catcher and Batsman.

RULE 42. No player of the side "at bat," except the batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the catcher's lines as defined in Rule 3. The triangular space back of the home base is reserved for the exclusive use of the umpire, catcher and batsman, and the umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of the pitcher or catcher or passing between them while standing in their positions.

Fielder Has Right of Way.

RULE 43. The players of the side at bat must speedily abandon their bench and hasten to another part of the field when by remaining upon or near it they or any of them would interfere with a fielder in an attempt to catch or handle a thrown ball.

THE BATTING RULES.

A Fair Hit.

RULE 44. A fair hit is a legally batted ball that settles on fair ground between home and first base or between home and third base or that is on fair ground when bounding to the out-

field past first or third base or that first falls on fair territory beyond first or third base or that touches the person of the umpire or a player while on fair ground.

A Foul Hit.

RULE 45. A foul hit is a legally batted ball that settles on foul territory between home and first base or home and third base, or that bounds past first or third base on foul territory or that falls on foul territory beyond first or third base or touches the person of the umpire or a player while on foul ground.

A Foul Tip.

RULE 46. A foul tip is a ball batted by the batsman while standing within the lines of his position, that goes sharp and direct from the bat to the catcher's hands and is legally caught.

A Bunt Hit.

RULE 47. A bunt hit is a legally batted ball, not swung at, but met with the bat and tapped slowly within the infield by the batsman with the expectation of reaching first base before the ball can be fielded to that base. If the attempt to bunt result in a foul, a strike shall be called by the umpire.

Balls Batted Outside the Ground.

RULE 48. SECTION 1. When a batted ball passes outside the ground or into a stand the umpire shall decide it fair or foul according to whether the point at which it leaves the playing field is on fair or foul territory.

SEC. 2. A fair batted ball that goes over the fence or into a stand shall entitle the batsman to a home run unless it should pass out of the ground or into a stand at a less distance than two hundred and thirty-five (235) feet from the home base, in which case the batsman shall be entitled to two bases only. The point at which a fence or stand is less than 235 feet from the home base shall be plainly indicated by a white or black sign or mark for the umpire's guidance.

Strikes.

A strike is:

- RULE 49.** SECTION 1. A pitched ball struck at by the batsman without its touching his bat; or,
 SEC. 2. A fair ball legally delivered by the pitcher at which the batsman does not strike.
 SEC. 3. A foul hit ball not caught on the fly unless the batsman has two strikes.
 SEC. 4. An attempt to bunt which results in a foul.
 SEC. 5. A pitched ball, at which the batsman strikes but misses and which touches any part of his person.
 SEC. 6. A foul tip, held by the catcher, while standing within the lines of his position.

Foul Strike.

- A "Foul Strike" is a ball batted by the **RULE 50.** batsman when either or both of his feet is upon the ground outside the lines of the batsman's position.

When Batsman is Out.

The batsman is out:

- RULE 51.** SECTION 1. If he fail to take his position at the bat in the order in which his name is on the batting list unless the error be discovered and the proper batsman replace him before a time "at bat" is recorded, in which case, the balls and strikes called must be counted in the time "at bat" of the proper batsman. But only the proper batsman shall be declared out, and no runs shall be scored or bases run because of any act of the improper batsman. Provided, this rule shall not be enforced unless the out be declared before the ball be delivered to the succeeding batsman. Should the batsman declared out under this section be the third hand out and his side be thereby put out, the proper batsman in the next inning shall be the player who would have come to bat had the players been put out by ordinary play in the preceding inning.

SEC. 2. If he fail to take his position within one minute after the umpire has called for the batsman.

SEC. 3. If he make a foul hit other than a foul tip, as defined in Rule 46, and the ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground; provided, it be not caught in a fielder's cap, protector, pocket or other part of

his uniform, or strike some object other than a fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If he make a foul strike, as defined in Rule 50.

SEC. 5. If he attempt to hinder the catcher from fielding or throwing the ball by stepping outside the lines of the batsman's position, or in any way obstructing or interfering with that player.

SEC. 6. If, while first base be occupied by a base runner, three strikes be called on him by the umpire, unless two men are already out.

SEC. 7. If, while attempting a third strike, the ball touch any part of the batsman's person, in which case base runners occupying bases shall not advance as prescribed in Rule 55, Section 5.

SEC. 8. If, before two hands are out, while first and second or first, second and third bases are occupied, he hit a fly ball, other than a line drive, that can be handled by an infielder. In such case the umpire shall, as soon as the ball be hit, declare it an infield or outfield hit.

SEC. 9. If the third strike be called in accordance with Rule 49, Section 5.

Batsman Must Obey Call.

SEC. 10. The moment a batsman's term at bat ends, the umpire shall call for the batsman next in order to leave his seat on the bench and take his position at the bat, and no player of the batting side shall leave his seat on the bench until so called to bat, except to become a coacher or substitute base runner, to take the place of a player on his team's batting list, to comply with the umpire's order to leave the field or to make way for a fielder.

BASE RUNNING RULES.

Legal Order of Bases.

RULE 52. The Base Runner must touch each base in legal order, viz., First, Second, Third and Home Bases; and when obliged to return while the ball is in play, must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He can only acquire the right to a base by touching it, before having been put out, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding base runner. However, no base runner shall score a run to count in the game ahead

of the base runner preceding him in the batting order, if there be such preceding base runner who has not been put out in that inning.

When the Batsman Becomes a Base-Runner.

The batsman becomes a base runner:

RULE 53. SECTION 1. Instantly after he makes a fair hit.

SEC. 2. Instantly after "Four Balls" have been called by the umpire.

SEC. 3. Instantly after "Three Strikes" have been declared by the umpire.

SEC. 4. If, without making any attempt to strike at the ball, his person or clothing be hit by a pitched ball unless, in the opinion of the umpire, he plainly make no effort to get out of the way of the pitched ball and purposely permit himself to be hit.

SEC. 5. If the catcher interfere with him in or prevent him from striking at a pitched ball.

Entitled to Bases.

RULE 54. The base runner shall be entitled, without liability to be put out, to advance a base in the following cases:

SECTION 1. If, while the batsman, the umpire calls "Four Balls," or award him first base by being hit by a pitched ball or for being interfered with by the catcher in striking at a pitched ball.

SEC. 2. If, while the batsman, a fair hit ball strike the person or clothing of the umpire or a base runner on fair ground.

SEC. 3. If the umpire award to a succeeding batsman a base on four balls, or for being hit by a pitched ball, or being interfered with by the catcher in striking at a pitched ball and the base runner be thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

SEC. 4. If the umpire call a "Balk."

SEC. 5. If a ball delivered by the pitcher pass the catcher and touch the umpire or any fence or building within ninety (90) feet of the home base.

SEC. 6. If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of a fielder, unless the latter have the ball in his hand ready to touch the base runner.

SEC. 7. If the fielder stop or catch a batted ball with

his cap, glove or any part of his uniform, while detached from its proper place on his person.

Returning to Bases.

RULE 55. The base runner shall return to his base without liability to be put out:

SECTION 1. If the umpire declare a foul tip (as defined in Rule 46) or any other foul hit, not legally caught by a fielder.

SEC. 2. If the umpire declare a foul strike.

SEC. 3. If the umpire declare a dead ball, unless it be also the fourth unfair ball, and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 54, Section 3.

SEC. 4. If the person or clothing of the umpire interfere with the catcher in an attempt to throw or the umpire be struck by a ball thrown by the catcher or other fielder to intercept a base runner.

SEC. 5. If a pitched ball at which the batsman strikes but misses, touch any part of the batman's person.

SEC. 6. In any and all of these cases the base runner is not required to touch the intervening bases in returning to the base he is legally entitled to.

When Base Runners are Out.

The base runner is out:

RULE 56. SECTION 1. If, after three strikes have been declared against him while the batsman, the third strike ball be not legally caught and he plainly attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding the ball.

SEC. 2. If, having made a fair hit while batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground or any object other than a fielder; provided, if it be not caught in a fielder's hat, cap, protector, pocket or other part of his uniform.

SEC. 3. If, when the umpire has declared "Three Strikes" on him while the batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground; provided, if it be not caught in a fielder's cap, protector, pocket or other part of his uniform, or touch some object other than a fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If, after three strikes or a fair hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a fielder before he shall have touched first base.

SEC. 5. If, after three strikes or a fair hit, the ball be securely held by a fielder while touching first base with any part of his person before such base runner touch first base.

SEC. 6. If, in running the last half of the distance from home base to first base, while the ball is being fielded to first base, he run outside the three-foot lines, as defined in Rule 7, unless he do so to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball.

SEC. 7. If, in running from first to second base, from second to third base, or from third to home base, he run more than three feet from a direct line between a base and the next one in regular or reverse order to avoid being touched by a ball in the hands of a fielder. But in case a fielder be occupying a base runner's proper path in attempting to field a batted ball, then the base runner shall run out of direct line to the next base and behind said fielder and shall not be declared out for so doing.

SEC. 8. If he fail to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner described in sections 6 and 7 of this rule, or in any way obstruct a fielder in attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interfere with a thrown ball; provided, that if two or more fielders attempt to field a batted ball, and the base runner come in contact with one or more of them, the umpire shall determine which fielder is entitled to the benefit of this rule, and shall not decide the base runner out for coming in contact with a fielder other than the one the umpire determines to be entitled to field such batted ball.

SEC. 9. If at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder, unless some part of his person be touching the base he is entitled to occupy; provided, however, that the ball be held by the fielder after touching him, unless the base runner deliberately knock it out of his hand.

SEC. 10. If, when a fair or foul hit ball (other than a foul tip as defined in Rule 46) be legally caught by a fielder, such ball be legally held by a fielder on the base occupied by the base runner when such ball was batted, or the base runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder, before he retouch such base after such fair or foul hit ball was so caught; provided, that the base runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder hold it on-said base, or touch the base

runner out with it; but if the base runner, in attempting to reach a base, detach it from its fastening before being touched or forced out, he shall be declared safe.

SEC. 11. If, when the batsman becomes a base runner, the first base, or the first and second bases, or the first, second and third bases be occupied, any base runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, and may be put out at the next base in the same manner as in running to first base, or by being touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder at any time before any base runner following him in the batting order be put out, unless the umpire should decide the hit of the batsman to be an in-field fly.

SEC. 12. If a fair hit ball strike him before touching a fielder, and, in such case, no base shall be run unless necessitated by the batsman becoming a base runner, but no run shall be scored or any other base runner put out until the umpire puts the ball back into play.

SEC. 13. If, when advancing bases, or forced to return to a base, while the ball is in play, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases, if any, in the regular or reverse order as the case may be, he may be put out by the ball being held by a fielder on any base he failed to touch, or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder in the same manner as in running to first base; provided, that the base runner shall not be out in such case if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder hold it on said base or touch the base runner with it.

SEC. 14. If, when the umpire call "Play," after the suspension of a game, he fail to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called before touching the next base; provided, the base runner shall not be out, in such case, if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher, before the fielder hold it on said base or touch the base runner with it.

Overrunning First Base.

SEC. 15. The base runner in running to first base may overrun said base after touching it in passing without incurring liability to be out for being off said base, provided he return at once and retouch the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, after overrunning first base, he turn in the direction of or attempt to run to second base, before returning to first base, he shall forfeit such exemption from liability to be put out.

SEC. 16. If, before two hands are out and while third base is occupied, the coacher stationed near that base shall run in the direction of home base on or near the base line while a fielder is making or trying to make a play on a batted ball not caught on the fly, or on a thrown ball, and thereby draws a throw to home base, the base runner entitled to third base shall be declared out by the umpire for the coacher's interference with and prevention of the legitimate play.

SEC. 17. If one or more members of the team at bat stand or collect at or around a base for which a base runner is trying, thereby confusing the fielding side and adding to the difficulty of making such play, the base runner shall be declared out for the interference of his team mate or team mates.

SEC. 18. If he touch home base before a base runner preceding him in the batting order, if there be such preceding base runner, lose his right to third base.

When Umpire Shall Declare an Out.

RULE 57. The umpire shall declare the batsman or base runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player be put out in accordance with any of these rules, except Sections 13 and 15 of Rule 56.

Coaching Rules.

RULE 58. The coacher shall be restricted to coaching the base runner only, and shall not address remarks except to the base runner, and then only in words of assistance and direction in running bases. He shall not, by words or signs, incite or try to incite the spectators to demonstrations, and shall not use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposite club, the umpire or the spectators. Not more than two coachers, who must be players in the uniform of the team at bat, shall be allowed to occupy the space between the players' and the coacher's lines, one near first and the other near third base, to coach base runners. If there be more than the legal number of coachers or this rule be violated in any respect the captain of the opposite side may call the attention of the umpire to the offense, and thereupon the umpire must order the illegal coacher or coachers to the bench, and if his order be not obeyed within one minute, the umpire shall assess a

fine of \$5.00 against each offending player, and upon a repetition of the offense, the offending player or players shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall leave the playing field forthwith.

The Scoring of Runs.

RULE 59. One run shall be scored every time a base runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall legally touch the home base before three men are put out; provided, however, that if he reach home on or during a play in which the third man be forced out or be put out before reaching first base, a run shall not count. A force-out can be made only when a base runner legally loses the right to the base he occupies and is thereby obliged to advance as the result of a fair hit ball not caught on the fly.

UMPIRE AND HIS DUTIES.

Power to Enforce Decisions.

RULE 60. The umpire is the representative of the League and as such is authorized and required to enforce each section of this code. He shall have the power to order a player, captain or manager to do or omit to do any act which in his judgment is necessary to give force and effect to one or all of these rules, and to inflict penalties for violations of the rules as hereinafter prescribed.

RULE 61. There shall be no appeal from any decision of the umpire on the ground that he was not correct in his conclusion as to whether a batted ball was fair or foul, a base runner safe or out, a pitched ball a strike or ball, or on any other play involving accuracy of judgment, and no decision rendered by him shall be reversed, except that he be convinced that it is in violation of one of these rules. The captain shall alone have the right to protest against a decision and seek its reversal on a claim that it is in conflict with a section of these rules.

Must Not Question Decisions.

RULE 62. Under no circumstances shall a captain or player dispute the accuracy of the umpire's judgment and decision on a play.

Clubs Can Not Change Umpire.

RULE 63. The umpire can not be changed during a championship game by the consent of the contesting clubs unless the official in charge of the field be incapacitated from service by injury or illness.

Penalties for Violations of the Rules.

RULE 64. In all cases of violation of these rules, by either a player or manager, the penalty for the first offense shall be a fine by the umpire of \$5.00, and, for a second offense, prompt removal of the offender from the game or grounds, followed by a period of such suspension from actual service in the club as the president of the League may fix.

Umpire to Report Violations of the Rules.

RULE 65. The umpire shall within twelve hours after fining or removing a player from the game, forward to the president a report of the penalty inflicted and the cause therefor.

RULE 66. Immediately upon being informed by the umpire that a fine has been imposed upon any manager, captain or player, the president shall notify the person so fined and also the club of which he is a member; and, in the event of the failure of the person so fined to pay to the secretary of the League the amount of said fine within five days after notice, he shall be debarred from participating in any championship game or from sitting on a player's bench during the progress of a championship game until such fine be paid.

RULE 67. When the offense of the player debarred from the game be of a flagrant nature, such as the use of obscene language or an assault upon a player or umpire, the umpire shall within four hours thereafter forward to the president of the League full particulars.

Warning to Captains.

RULE 68. The umpire shall notify both captains before the game, and in the presence of each other, that all the playing rules will be strictly and impartially enforced, and warn them that

failure on their part to co-operate in such enforcement will result in offenders being fined, and, if necessary to preserve discipline, debarred from the game.

On Ground Rules.

RULE 69. Before the commencement of a game the umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed. He shall ask the captain of the home club whether there are any special ground rules, and if there be he shall acquaint himself with them, advise the captain of the visiting team of their scope and see that each is duly enforced, provided that it does not conflict with any of these rules.

Official Announcements.

RULE 70. The umpire shall call "Play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of a game, announce "Time" at its legal interruption and declare "Game" at its legal termination.

Suspension of Play.

RULE 71. The umpire shall suspend play for the following causes:

1. If rain fall so heavily as to cause the spectators on the open field and open stands to seek shelter, in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and should rain fall continuously for thirty minutes thereafter he shall terminate the game.

2. In case of an accident which incapacitates him or a player from service in the field, or in order to remove from the grounds any player or spectator who has violated the rules, or in case of fire, panic or other extraordinary circumstances.

Call of Time.

RULE 72. In suspending play from any legal cause the umpire shall call "Time"; when he calls "Time," play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run or run be scored. "Time" shall not be called by the umpire until the ball be held by the pitcher while standing in his position.

Decisions on Balls and Strikes.

RULE 73. The umpire shall call and count as a "ball" any unfair ball delivered by the pitcher to the batsman. He shall also call and count as a "strike" any fairly delivered ball which passes over any portion of the home base, and within the batsman's legal range as defined in Rule 31, whether struck at or not by the batsman; or a foul tip which is caught by the catcher standing within the lines of his position, within 10 feet of the home base; or which, after being struck at and not hit, strike the person of the batsman; or when the ball be bunted foul by the batsman; or any foul hit ball not caught on the fly unless the batsman has two strikes, provided, however, that a pitched ball shall not be called or counted a "ball" or "strike" by the umpire until it has passed the home plate.

RULE 74. If but one umpire be assigned, his duties and jurisdiction shall extend to all points, and he shall be permitted to take his stand in any part of the field that in his opinion will best enable him to discharge his duties. If two umpires be assigned to a game, the assistant umpire shall decide all plays at first and second bases.

Field Rules.

RULE 75. No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of a game except the players in uniform, the manager of each side, the umpire, such officers of the law as may be present in uniform, and such watchmen of the home club as may be necessary to preserve the peace.

RULE 76. No manager, captain or player shall address the spectators during a game except in reply to a request for information about the progress or state of the game.

RULE 77. Every club shall furnish sufficient police force to preserve order upon its own grounds, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the visiting club may refuse to play until the field be cleared. If the field be not cleared within 15 minutes thereafter, the visiting club may claim and shall be entitled to the game by a score of nine

runs to none (no matter what number of innings has been played).

General Definitions.

RULE 78. "Play" is the order of the umpire to begin the game or to resume it after its suspension.

RULE 79. "Time" is the order of the umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day.

RULE 80. "Game" is the announcement of the umpire that the game is terminated.

RULE 81. "An inning" is the term at bat of the nine players representing a club in a game and is completed when three of such players have been legally put out.

RULE 82. "A Time at Bat" is the term at bat of a batsman. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out or becomes a base runner. But a time at bat shall not be charged against a batsman who is awarded first base by the umpire for being hit by a pitched ball or for the illegal delivery of the pitcher or on called balls or when he makes a sacrifice hit.

RULE 83. "Legal" or "Legally" signifies as required by these rules.

THE SCORING RULES.

RULE 84. To promote uniformity in scoring championship games the following instructions are given and suggestions and definitions made for the guidance of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

The Batsman's Record.

RULE 85. SECTION 1. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game, but the exceptions made in Rule 82 must not be included.

SEC. 2. In the second column shall be set down the runs, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 3. In the third column shall be placed the first base hits, if any, made by each player.

The Scoring of Base Hits.

SEC. 4. A base hit shall be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground on or within the foul lines and out of the reach of the fielders.

When a fair-hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion, but such player can not recover himself in time to field the ball to first before the striker reaches that base or to force out another base runner.

When the ball be hit with such force to an infielder or pitcher that he can not handle it in time to put out the batsman or force out a base runner. In a case of doubt over this class of hits, a base hit should be scored and the fielder exempted from the charge of an error.

When the ball is hit so slowly toward a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman or force out a base runner.

In all cases where a base runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, the batsman should be credited with a base hit.

When a batted ball hits the person or clothing of the umpire, as defined in Rule 54, Section 2.

In no case shall a base hit be scored when a base runner is forced out by the play.

Sacrifice Hits.

SEC. 5. In the fourth column shall be placed the sacrifice hits.

A sacrifice hit shall be credited to the batsman who, when no one is out or when but one man is out, advances a runner a base by a bunt hit, which results in the batsman being put out before reaching first, or would so result if it were handled without error.

Fielding Records.

SEC. 6. The number of opponents, if any, put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where the batsman is given out by the umpire for a foul strike, or fails to bat in proper order, the put-out shall be scored to the catcher. In cases of the base runner being declared "out" for interference, running out of line, or on an infield fly, the "out" should be credited to the player who

would have made the play but for the action of the base runner or the announcement of the umpire.

SEC. 7. The number of times, if any, each player assists in putting out an opponent shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in aiding in a run out or any other play of the kind, except the one who completes it.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who could complete the play fail, through no fault of the assisting player.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles or assists in any manner in handling the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put-out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly, and in such a way that a put-out results, or would result if no error were made by a team-mate.

Assists should be credited to every player who handles the ball in the play which results in a base runner being called "out" for interference or for running out of line.

Errors.

SEC. 8. An error shall be given in the seventh column for each misplay which prolongs the time at bat of the batsman or allows a base runner to make one or more bases when perfect play would have insured his being put out. But a wild pitch, a base on balls, a base awarded to a batsman by being struck by a pitched ball, an illegal pitch, a balk and a passed ball, each of which is a battery and not a fielding error, shall not be included in the seventh column.

An error shall not be charged against the catcher for a wild throw in an attempt to prevent a stolen base, unless the base runner advance an extra base because of the error.

An error shall not be scored against the catcher or an infielder who attempts to complete a double play, unless the throw be so wild that an additional base be gained.

In case a base runner advance a base through the failure of a baseman to stop or try to stop a ball accurately thrown to his base, he shall be charged with an error and not the player who made such throw, provided there were occasion for it. If such throw be made to second base the scorer shall determine whether the second baseman or shortstop shall be charged with an error.

Stolen Bases.

SEC. 9. A stolen base shall be credited to the base runner whenever he advances a base unaided by a base hit, a put-out, a fielding or a battery error.

The Summary.

The Summary shall contain:

RULE 86. SECTION 1. The score made in each inning of the game and the total runs of each side in the game.

SEC. 2. The number of stolen bases, if any, by each player.

SEC. 3. The number of two-base hits, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 4. The number of three-base hits, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 5. The number of home runs, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 6. The number of double and triple plays, if any, made by each side and the names of the players assisting in the same.

SEC. 7. The number of innings each pitcher pitched in.

SEC. 8. The number of base hits, if any, made off each pitcher.

SEC. 9. The number of times, if any, the pitcher strikes out the opposing batsmen.

SEC. 10. The number of times, if any, the pitcher gives bases on balls.

SEC. 11. The number of wild pitches, if any, charged to the pitcher.

SEC. 12. The number of times, if any, the pitcher hits a batsman with a pitched ball.

SEC. 13. The number of passed balls by each catcher.

SEC. 14. The time of the game.

SEC. 15. The name of the umpire.

To Umpires, Managers and Players

The good results produced by the following resolution which was adopted by the National League on March 4, 1903, for a period of one year, led the organization at its last annual meeting to readopt this resolution and make it perpetual. The resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, During the past season under the administration of affairs by the President of this organization, proper steps were taken to preserve order and discipline on the ball field, and in this manner to uphold the dignity of the game and the standard of this parent base ball organization, be it

"Resolved, That the President of this organization is hereby vested with full and absolute power to maintain order and discipline on the ball field; and that he shall have full power to discipline any player or manager for the violation of good order upon the ball field. That this discipline shall be either in a fine or suspension from the grounds of any club; that he shall be authorized to adopt such regulations for maintaining order on the ball field as he shall deem fit and proper; that he shall have full and absolute power to act upon any complaint made by the umpire against any player or manager for violation of order; that in all cases where the penalty fixed is either a fine or suspension his decision shall be final; that in cases where he deems it fit and proper that the offender or offenders should be expelled from the organization, that such expulsion shall not go into effect until same has been ratified by the Board of Directors (the President not voting) to carry a decree of expulsion into effect. That this resolution and the powers granted herein shall prevail until repealed, and that any provision either in the Constitution or Playing Rules of this organization in conflict

with the provisions of this resolution shall be null and void during the life of this resolution.

"Be it Further Resolved, That any fine levied through the operation of this resolution shall be deducted by the club employing the player or manager so disciplined from the salary of said player or manager.

"Be it Further Resolved, That during the suspension of any player or manager under the operation of this resolution no club shall be permitted to pay said player or manager thus disciplined the salary or any part thereof he would have drawn during the time of suspension."

The President desires to return his thanks to club owners, umpires, managers and players for their co-operation in living up to the spirit of this above resolution during the playing season of 1903; and he hopes that this co-operation will prevail during the coming season.

The standard of ball was materially improved during the past year and the results of the contests were more satisfactory alike to spectator and player.

The same strict enforcement of this resolution will be followed during the season of 1904.

Respectfully,

HARRY C. PULLIAM,
President.

Annual Meeting of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs

Held at the Victoria Hotel, New York City, December 8 to 10, 1903.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1903.

Meeting called to order at 2:30 P. M.; President Harry C. Pulliam in the chair.

Present:

A. H. SODEN, representing the Boston Base Ball Association.

C. H. EBBETS and H. R. VON DER HORST, representing the Brooklyn Ball Club.

JAMES A. HART, representing the Chicago League Ball Club.

AUGUST HERRMANN, MAX FLEISCHMANN and GEORGE B. COX, representing the Cincinnati Exhibition Company.

JOHN T. BRUSH and ASHLEY LLOYD, representing the National Exhibition Company.

JAMES POTTER and J. R. EVANS ROBERTS, representing the Philadelphia Base Ball and Exhibition Company.

BARNEY DREYFUSS and W. H. LOCKE, representing the Pittsburg Athletic Company.

FRANK DEHASSE ROBISON, representing the American Base Ball and Athletic Exhibition Company.

The minutes of the reconvened annual meeting of March 4, 1903, were read and approved.

On motion, W. H. Locke was appointed secretary pro tem.

Chairman Soden of the Board of Directors read the report of the Board, which approved the financial report

of Treasurer Pulliam as well as the report of Trustee Young on the 5 per cent. fund, and carried with it the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Pittsburg Base Ball Club of Pittsburg, Pa., having won the greatest percentage of games in the championship series, is hereby awarded the Base Ball Championship of the National League for 1903."

On motion, the report of the Board was approved.

The President read his annual reports, which were approved.

Mr. Herrmann submitted the new National Agreement as approved by the National Commission, which was accepted, approved and ratified by the National League.

On motion, the Hart-Fleischmann resolution for the maintenance of good order on the ball field during the season of 1903 was reaffirmed and the resolution made permanent.

The election of officers being in order, the secretary problem was instructed to cast the vote of the league for Harry C. Pulliam as President, Secretary and Treasurer of the league for the ensuing year.

On motion, a recess was taken until December 9.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1903.

Meeting reconvened at 1:30 P. M., all clubs present and the President in the chair.

The Chair submitted the uniform contract approved by the National Commission, which, with an amendment offered by Mr. Herrmann, was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Chair appointed the following standing committees:

Schedule—Messrs. Dreyfuss, Hart and Ebbets.

Playing Rules—Messrs. Hart, Hanlon and Max Fleischmann.

Constitutional Amendments—Messrs. Herrmann, Brush and Potter.

The election of the Board of Directors was then taken up, and Mr. Locke was instructed to cast the vote of the League for the old Board, namely, Messrs. Soden, Hart, Dreyfuss and Brush.

A recess was then taken until December 10.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1903.

Meeting reconvened, all clubs being present; the President in the chair.

Mr. Hart was appointed to represent the National League and co-operate with representatives of the American League and the National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues in trying to bring the Pacific Coast League into the National Agreement.

On motion of Mr. Soden, the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.

Reconvened Annual Meeting of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs

Held at the Victoria Hotel, New York City, Tuesday, March 1, 1904, to Friday, March 4, 1904.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1904.

Meeting called to order at 3:20 P. M. by President Pulliam.

Present:

A. H. SODEN and W. H. CONANT, representing the Boston Base Ball Association.

CHARLES EBBETS and EDWARD HANLON, representing the Brooklyn Ball Club.

AUGUST HERRMANN and MAX FLEISCHMANN, representing Cincinnati Exhibition Company.

JOHN T. BRUSH, representing the National Exhibition Company.

JAMES POTTER and EDWIN I. HYNEMAN, representing the Philadelphia Base Ball and Exhibition Company.

BARNEY DREYFUSS and WILL LOCKE, representing the Pittsburg Athletic Company.

FRANK DEHASSE ROBISON, representing the American Base Ball and Athletic Exhibition Company of St. Louis.

The minutes of the December, 1903, meeting were read and approved.

In response to a communication from President Johnson of the American League, joint meetings of the committees on Rules and Schedules of the National and American Leagues were arranged for Wednesday, March 2.

At 6:30 P.M. a recess was taken until 12 o'clock Wednesday, March 2.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1904.

Meeting called to order at 3:30 P. M. by the President. Neither the schedule nor playing rules committees being ready to report, a recess was taken until Thursday, March 3.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1904.

Meeting called to order at 12 o'clock noon, the President in the chair.

On motion, it was decided that when this meeting adjourn it do so subject to the call of the President.

Chairman Hart of the Playing Rules Committee presented the complete revised code of playing rules as approved by the joint committee, and on motion it was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Hart, as representative of the National League, made a verbal report on the result of the efforts made by the joint committee of the National and American Leagues and the National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues to bring the Pacific Coast League within the folds of the National Agreement.

Mr. Hanlon, representative of the National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues on the committee, supplemented Mr. Hart's report.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the President shall instruct all umpires and notify all club members that, after an umpire has called play at the beginning of any championship game, there shall not be allowed any presentation of any character to any player or manager upon the ball field."

Mr. Brush presented the report of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments. As reported by the committee, the revision of the Constitution carried with it the amendments as follows:

i. The words "American Association" are stricken from the title page, the heading on the first page and from Section I.

2. The wording of Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 has been changed.
3. Sections 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 remain as they were, excepting that in Section 9, in the third line from the last, the word "all" is stricken out and the word "seven" inserted.
4. Additions have been made to Sections 11, 12 and 13.
5. Sections 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 remain as they were, except that in Section 16, in the last line, the word "three" is stricken out and the word "two" inserted.
6. An addition has been made to Section 19.
7. Section 20 remains intact.
8. An addition has been made to Section 21.
9. Sections 22, 23 and 24 remain intact.
10. Slight changes have been made in Sections 25 and 26.
11. Sections 27, 28 and 29 remain intact.
12. Slight changes have been made in Section 30.
13. Section 31 remains as it was.
14. Changes have been made in Sections 32, 33 and 34.
15. Section 35 remains intact.
16. Section 36 has been changed.
17. Section 37 remains intact.
18. Sections 38, 39, 40 and 41 have been changed.
19. Sections 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46 remain intact.
20. Section 47 has been changed.
21. Section 48 remains intact.
22. Sections 49, 50 and 51 have been changed.
23. Sections 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61 and 62 remain intact.
24. Sections 63 and 64 have been changed.

On motion, the Constitution, as amended, was unanimously approved.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That no club member of the National League shall play any game of base ball with any independent, professional, semi-professional or amateur club containing

in its team any player or players ineligible under the rules of the National Agreement, or under suspension by any clubs of the National League, American League or National Association; and furthermore, that no game of base ball shall be played by any National League club with any independent club that shall have played any games with any other independent club containing such ineligible or suspended players as hereinbefore described."

At 3:30 P. M. a recess was taken.

After recess, the League, at 5:45 P. M., was called to order by the Chair.

On motion, the President of the League was instructed to notify all managers that prior to the beginning of a game no batting practice will be allowed in the space between the foul lines and the stands set aside for spectators.

A recess was taken until Friday, March 4.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1904.

Meeting reconvened at 11 A. M., and, on motion, a further recess was taken until 3 o'clock P. M. same day.

After recess, the League was called to order at 3:15 o'clock P. M. by the President.

Mr. Ebbets, from the Committee on Schedule, presented the playing schedule as agreed upon by the joint committee, and same was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, an adjournment was taken, subject to the call of the Chair.

Officers and Members

The following is an official list of the officers of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, and Officers of Clubs, Members thereof, for the season of 1904:

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Official National League Averages

Official Batting and Fielding Averages of National League players who participated in fifteen or more championship games in any one position during the season of 1903:

BATTING.

Name and Club.	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	T.B.	2B.	3B.	H.R.	P.C.	S.H.	S.B.
*Kennedy, Pittsburg	18	58	7	21	31	4	3	0	.362	2	0
Wagner, Pittsburg	129	512	97	182	265	30	19	5	.355	8	46
Donlin, Cincinnati	124	496	110	174	256	25	18	7	.351	8	26
Clarke, Pittsburg	102	427	88	150	227	32	15	5	.351	13	21
Bresnahan, New York	111	406	87	142	200	30	8	4	.350	12	34
Seymour, Cincinnati	135	558	85	191	267	25	15	7	.342	13	25
Beaumont, Pittsburg	141	613	137	209	272	30	6	7	.341	12	23
Sheckard, Brooklyn	139	515	99	171	245	29	9	9	.332	20	67
Thomas, Philadelphia	130	477	88	156	174	11	2	1	.327	20	17
Chance, Chicago	123	441	83	144	194	24	10	2	.327	2	67
Beckley, Cincinnati	119	459	85	150	205	29	10	2	.327	10	23
Donovan, St. Louis	105	410	63	134	155	15	3	0	.327	14	25
McCreddie, Brooklyn	56	213	40	69	74	5	0	0	.324	3	10
Keister, Philadelphia	100	400	53	128	178	27	7	3	.320	9	11
Kelley, Cincinnati	104	383	85	121	160	22	4	3	.316	7	18
Browne, New York	141	501	105	185	220	20	3	3	.313	14	27
Doyle, Brooklyn	139	524	84	164	203	27	6	0	.313	9	34
Tenney, Boston	122	447	79	140	177	22	3	3	.313	16	21
Steinfeldt, Cincinnati	118	439	71	137	211	32	12	6	.312	6	13
Wolverton, Philadelphia	123	494	72	152	189	13	12	0	.308	23	10
Slagle, Chicago	139	543	104	162	194	20	6	0	.298	15	33
Leach, Pittsburg	127	507	97	151	222	16	17	7	.298	12	22
Kling, Chicago	132	491	67	146	210	29	13	3	.297	9	23
Smoot, St. Louis	129	500	67	148	198	22	8	4	.296	18	17
Evers, Chicago	123	464	70	136	177	27	7	0	.293	11	25
Daly, Cincinnati	79	307	42	90	125	14	9	1	.293	7	5
Tinker, Chicago	124	400	67	134	175	21	7	2	.291	13	27
Casey, Chicago	112	435	56	126	143	8	3	1	.290	20	11
Cooley, Boston	138	553	76	160	209	26	10	1	.289	3	27
Dolan, Cincinnati	93	385	64	111	137	20	3	0	.288	7	11
Ritchey, Pittsburg	137	566	66	145	193	28	10	0	.287	12	15
Titus, Philadelphia	72	280	38	80	113	15	6	2	.286	10	5
Burke, St. Louis	113	431	55	123	142	13	3	0	.285	7	28

*NOTE—Kennedy having participated in but ten complete games, the batting championship of the National League for the season of 1903 is awarded to Wagner, of the Pittsburg Club.

HARRY C. PULLIAM, Sec'y.

BATTING—Continued.

Name and Club.	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	T.B.	2B.	3B.	H.R.	P.C.	S.H.	S.B.
Gleason, Philadelphia	106	412	65	117	151	19	6	1	.284	20	12
Warner, New York	85	285	38	81	99	8	5	0	.284	8	5
Jones, D., Chicago	130	497	64	140	167	18	3	1	.282	8	15
Phelps, Pittsburg	79	273	32	77	96	7	3	2	.282	8	2
Lauder, New York	108	395	52	111	124	13	0	0	.281	17	19
Hearne, Brooklyn	19	57	8	16	23	3	2	0	.281	3	2
Mertes, New York	138	517	100	145	226	32	14	7	.280	11	45
Sebring, Pittsburg	124	566	71	140	194	16	13	4	.277	4	20
McCarthy, Chicago	24	101	11	28	33	5	0	0	.277	2	8
Barry, Philadelphia	138	550	75	152	189	24	5	1	.276	14	26
Bowerman, New York	59	210	22	58	71	6	2	1	.276	4	5
Roth, Philadelphia	61	220	27	60	79	11	4	0	.273	1	3
Strang, Brooklyn	135	503	101	138	169	21	5	0	.272	8	46
Farrell, St. Louis	130	519	83	141	185	25	8	1	.272	4	17
McGann, New York	129	482	75	130	172	21	6	3	.270	30	36
Jacklitsch, Brooklyn	55	176	31	47	64	8	3	1	.267	1	4
Lowe, Chicago	28	105	14	28	39	5	3	0	.267	3	5
Bransfield, Pittsburg	127	505	69	134	177	23	7	2	.265	12	13
Greminger, Boston	140	511	57	135	192	24	9	5	.264	8	12
Dahlen, Brooklyn	138	474	71	124	162	17	9	1	.262	8	34
Moran, Boston	108	389	40	102	158	25	5	7	.262	7	8
Peitz, Cincinnati	102	358	45	93	114	15	3	0	.260	5	7
Van Haltren, New York	75	280	42	72	80	6	1	0	.257	7	14
Jones, O., Brooklyn	38	125	12	32	3	1	0	0	.256	3	0
Douglass, Philadelphia	97	377	43	96	112	5	4	1	.255	11	6
Ewing, Cincinnati	31	95	17	24	31	3	2	0	.253	1	0
Gilbert, New York	128	413	62	104	116	9	0	1	.252	26	37
Stanley, Boston	79	308	40	77	102	12	5	1	.250	4	10
Harper, Cincinnati	17	56	7	14	20	2	2	0	.250	0	1
Flood, Brooklyn	87	309	27	77	96	15	2	0	.249	13	14
Dunleavy, St. Louis	52	193	23	48	57	3	3	0	.249	7	10
Babb, New York	121	424	68	105	136	15	8	0	.248	11	22
Barclay, St. Louis	107	419	37	104	130	10	8	0	.248	4	12
Hulswitt, Philadelphia	138	519	56	128	171	22	9	1	.247	11	10
Gessler, Brooklyn	43	154	20	38	52	8	3	0	.247	3	9
Morrissey, Cincinnati	27	89	14	22	23	1	0	0	.247	3	3
Corcoran, Cincinnati	115	459	61	113	151	18	7	2	.246	1	12
Krueger, Pittsburg	71	256	42	63	88	6	8	1	.246	8	5
McCreery, Brooklyn, Boston.	61	224	28	55	71	7	3	1	.246	4	11
Poole, Cincinnati	25	70	7	17	18	1	0	0	.243	3	0
De Montreville, St. Louis....	20	70	8	17	22	3	1	0	.243	2	3
Reidy, Brooklyn	15	37	5	9	9	0	0	0	.243	1	0
Dunn, New York	72	257	35	62	79	15	1	0	.241	8	12
Carney, Boston	102	392	37	94	117	12	4	1	.240	5	10
Wicker, St. Louis, Chicago....	33	100	19	24	33	5	2	0	.240	1	1
Ryan, St. Louis	66	227	18	54	64	5	1	1	.238	7	2

BATTING—Continued.

Name and Club.	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	T.B.	2B.	3B.	H.R.	P.C.	S.H.	S.B.
Weaver, St. Louis, Pittsburgh.	32	97	12	23	25	0	1	0	.237	1	1
Dobbs, Chicago, Brooklyn.	126	475	69	112	150	16	8	2	.236	16	23
Jordan, Brooklyn.	77	267	27	63	76	11	1	0	.236	6	9
Ritter, Brooklyn.	75	259	26	61	82	9	6	0	.236	9	9
O'Neill, J., St. Louis.	74	246	23	58	69	9	1	0	.236	5	11
Williams, W., Chic., Phil., Bos.	15	51	4	12	12	0	0	0	.235	1	1
Brain, St. Louis.	118	464	44	107	148	8	15	1	.231	7	21
Harley, Chicago.	103	386	72	89	100	9	1	0	.231	15	27
Duggleby, Philadelphia.	36	104	10	24	31	5	1	0	.231	3	0
Hackett, St. Louis.	96	351	24	80	109	13	8	0	.228	2	2
Abbatichio, Boston.	133	489	61	111	142	18	5	1	.227	17	23
Bergen, Cincinnati.	58	207	21	47	55	4	2	0	.227	4	2
O'Neill, M. J., St. Louis.	32	110	12	25	31	2	2	0	.227	0	3
Brashear, Philadelphia.	20	75	9	17	20	3	0	0	.227	2	2
Mathewson, New York.	45	124	13	28	34	3	0	1	.226	16	1
Raub, Chicago.	27	84	6	19	26	3	2	0	.226	2	3
Piatt, Boston.	25	71	7	16	16	0	0	0	.225	0	0
Dexter, Boston.	120	457	82	102	128	15	1	3	.223	12	32
Taylor, J., Chicago.	39	126	13	28	39	3	4	0	.222	3	3
Bonner, Boston.	46	173	11	38	46	5	0	1	.220	4	2
Zimmer, Philadelphia.	35	118	9	26	34	3	1	1	.220	3	3
Doin, Philadelphia.	53	188	18	41	48	5	1	0	.218	4	9
Magoon, Cincinnati.	41	139	6	30	36	6	0	0	.216	5	2
Aubrey, Boston.	94	325	26	69	81	8	2	0	.212	9	7
Hallman, Philadelphia.	57	198	20	42	57	11	2	0	.212	13	2
Kittredge, Boston.	30	99	10	21	23	2	0	0	.212	6	1
Williams, O., St. Louis, Chic.	90	317	24	67	80	9	2	0	.211	7	14
Phillippe, Pittsburg.	37	124	20	26	34	4	2	0	.210	0	0
Doheny, Pittsburg.	27	91	11	19	20	1	0	0	.209	1	1
McGinnity, New York.	55	165	12	34	35	1	0	0	.206	13	4
Fraser, Philadelphia.	32	93	12	19	27	3	1	1	.204	2	4
Murphy, St. Louis.	24	64	4	13	14	1	0	0	.203	2	0
Menefee, Chicago.	22	64	3	13	16	3	0	0	.203	2	0
Mitchell, Philadelphia.	28	95	11	19	23	4	0	0	.200	2	0
Schmidt, Brooklyn.	41	107	17	21	27	1	1	1	.196	5	3
Weimer, Chicago.	35	107	10	21	25	4	0	0	.196	1	0
Cronin, New York.	20	46	6	9	11	0	1	0	.196	2	2
Brown, St. Louis.	26	77	4	15	19	2	1	0	.195	2	2
Nichols, St. Louis.	33	120	13	23	25	2	0	0	.192	2	9
Willis, Boston.	39	128	9	24	27	3	0	0	.188	2	0
Smith, Pittsburg.	61	212	15	37	44	3	2	0	.175	9	2
Phillips, Cincinnati.	16	57	5	10	10	0	0	0	.175	0	0
Evans, Brooklyn.	15	29	0	5	5	0	0	0	.172	4	0
Leever, Pittsburg.	36	115	11	19	21	0	1	0	.165	4	0
Hahn, Cincinnati.	34	112	11	18	24	4	1	0	.161	4	1
Malarkey, Boston.	32	87	12	14	20	2	2	0	.161	1	0

BATTING—Continued.

Name and Club.	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	T.B.	2B.	3B.	H.R.	P.C.	S.H.	S.B.
Miller, New York	15	31	1	5	7	2	0	0	.161	0	0
Currie, St. Louis, Chicago.....	28	59	2	9	11	0	1	0	.153	2	0
Taylor, L., New York	33	82	7	12	12	0	0	0	.146	6	0
Sutthoff, Cincinnati	30	84	11	12	19	3	2	0	.143	2	1
Rhoades, St. Louis	18	50	4	7	7	0	0	0	.140	2	0
Lundgren, Chicago	27	61	6	7	7	0	0	0	.115	3	1
Pittenger, Boston	44	128	9	14	17	0	0	1	.109	3	0
Sparks, Philadelphia	28	92	7	10	12	2	0	0	.109	3	0
McFarland, St. Louis	28	74	3	8	9	1	0	0	.108	3	1
Garvin, Brooklyn	38	106	12	8	8	0	0	0	.075	5	0

FIELDING

FIRST BASEMEN.

	Games.	Put out.	Assists.	Total errors.	Total chances.	Per cent.
Ryan, St. Louis	18	174	9	2	185	.989
McGann, New York	129	1188	64	15	1267	.988
Douglass, Philadelphia	97	902	51	15	968	.985
Doyle, Brooklyn	139	1418	83	29	1530	.981
Bransfield, Pittsburg	127	1347	88	28	1463	.981
Beckley, Cincinnati	119	1127	78	30	1235	.976
Tenney, Boston	122	1145	93	33	1271	.974
Barry, Philadelphia	30	291	13	8	312	.974
Chance, Chicago	121	1204	68	36	1308	.972
Hackett, St. Louis	89	947	40	28	1015	.972
Nichols, St. Louis	25	276	3	8	287	.962

SECOND -BASEMEN.

Magoon, Cincinnati	32	79	91	5	175	.971
Ritchey, Pittsburg	137	281	460	30	771	.961
Gleason, Philadelphia	102	236	280	22	538	.959
Bonner, Boston	24	64	68	6	138	.957
Lowe, Chicago	22	37	72	6	115	.948
Evers, Chicago	110	245	306	37	588	.937
Daly, Cincinnati	79	151	221	25	397	.937
Gilbert, New York	128	314	366	47	727	.935
Abbatichio, Boston	116	316	325	45	686	.934
Burke, St. Louis	15	25	58	6	89	.933
Hallman, Philadelphia	22	45	65	8	118	.932
Jordan, Brooklyn	54	101	132	18	251	.928
Farrell, St. Louis	118	281	394	53	728	.927
Flood, Brooklyn	84	195	216	34	445	.924
Morrissey, Cincinnati	17	3*	37	6	77	.922
Brashear, Philadelphia	18	39	39	7	85	.918
Dunn, New York	19	28	46	8	82	.902

FIELDING—Continued.

THIRD BASEMEN.

	Games.	Put out.	Assists.	Errors.	Total chances.	Per cent.
Wolverton, Philadelphia	123	182	247	27	456	.941
Steinfeldt, Cincinnati	104	159	212	25	396	.937
Greminger, Boston	140	217	300	36	553	.935
Dunn, New York	25	25	47	5	77	.935
Casey, Chicago	112	143	190	31	364	.915
Strang, Brooklyn	124	147	245	37	429	.914
Burke, St. Louis	93	139	199	33	371	.911*
Lauder, New York	108	140	194	34	368	.908
Tinker, Chicago	19	17	38	6	61	.902
Brain, St. Louis	46	70	106	22	198	.889
Hallman, Philadelphia	19	13	25	5	43	.884
Leach, Pittsburgh	127	178	292	65	535	.879
Jordan, Brooklyn	18	30	29	9	68	.868

SHORTSTOPHS.

Dahlen, Brooklyn	138	296	477	42	815	.943
Corcoran, Cincinnati	115	263	367	38	668	.943
Wagner, Pittsburg	111	303	397	50	750	.933
Babb, New York	113	238	343	56	637	.912
Brain, St. Louis	72	163	244	41	448	.908
Dunn, New York	27	47	80	13	140	.907
Bonner, Boston	22	40	48	9	97	.907
Hulswitt, Philadelphia	138	354	430	81	865	.906
Tinker, Chicago	107	229	362	61	652	.906
Williams, O., St. Louis & Chic.	78	154	249	43	446	.904
De Montreville, St. Louis	15	27	46	8	81	.901
Krueger, Pittsburg	29	42	72	15	129	.884
Abbatichio, Boston	17	45	42	13	100	.870
Aubrey, Boston	94	185	301	74	560	.868

FIELDERS.

Gessler, Brooklyn	43	56	4	1	61	.984
Mertes, New York	137	265	24	8	297	.973
Dunleavy, St. Louis	38	58	11	2	71	.972
Jones, D., Chicago	130	249	14	8	271	.970
Dobbs, Chicago and Brooklyn	126	278	12	9	299	.970
Barry, Philadelphia	107	211	14	7	232	.970
Bresnahan, New York	84	150	14	6	170	.965
Thomas, Philadelphia	130	318	19	13	350	.963
Clarke, Pittsburgh	101	168	10	7	185	.962
Van Haltren, New York	75	136	3	6	145	.959
Carney, Boston	92	112	10	6	128	.953
Cooley, Boston	126	246	11	13	270	.952

FIELDING—FIELDERS—Continued.

	Games.	Put out.	Assists.	Errors.	Total chances.	Per cent.
Donovan, St. Louis	105	142	16	8	166	.952
Titus, Philadelphia	72	126	13	7	146	.952
Scheckard, Brooklyn	139	314	36	18	368	.951
Kreuger, Pittsburg	28	48	7	3	58	.948
Beaumont, Pittsburg	141	258	15	15	288	.948
Kelley, Cincinnati	67	117	8	7	132	.947
McCarthy, Chicago	24	33	3	2	38	.947
Smoot, St. Louis	129	231	14	15	260	.942
Dexter, Boston	106	177	13	12	202	.941
Keister, Philadelphia	100	133	22	10	165	.939
Dolan, Cincinnati	93	107	11	8	126	.937
Slagle, Chicago	139	292	16	21	329	.936
Sebring, Pittsburg	124	208	20	18	246	.927
McCreddie, Brooklyn	56	68	6	6	80	.925
Harley, Chicago	103	162	18	15	195	.923
Browne, New York	141	212	13	20	245	.918
Seymour, Cincinnati	135	318	14	36	368	.902
Stanley, Boston	77	117	21	15	153	.902
Barclay, S. Louis	107	187	13	22	222	.901
Donlin, Cincinnati	118	209	15	25	249	.900
McCreery, Brooklyn and Boston.	61	106	6	13	125	.896

PITCHERS.

Murphy, St. Louis	16	3	31	0	34	1.000
Lundgren, Chicago	27	8	40	1	49	.980
Mathewson, New York	45	18	93	3	114	.974
Schmidt, Brooklyn	40	14	109	4	127	.969
Kennedy, Pittsburg	18	2	29	1	32	.969
Fraser, Philadelphia	31	14	70	3	87	.966
Reidy, Brooklyn	15	2	25	1	28	.964
Phillippe, Pittsburg	36	11	65	3	79	.962
Willis, Boston	33	13	84	4	101	.960
Ewing, Cincinnati	29	12	80	4	96	.958
Leever, Pittsburg	36	12	76	4	92	.957
Brown, St. Louis	26	5	60	3	68	.956
Sutthoff, Cincinnati	30	10	54	3	67	.955
Taylor, L., New York	33	10	62	4	76	.947
Taylor, J., Chicago	37	14	91	6	111	.946
Hahn, Cincinnati	34	26	67	7	100	.930
McFarland, St. Louis	28	5	75	6	86	.930
Poole, Cincinnati	25	3	62	5	70	.929
Cronin, New York	20	9	29	3	41	.927
Harper, Cincinnati	17	7	43	4	54	.926
Evans, Brooklyn	15	2	23	2	27	.926
Miller, New York	15	8	17	2	27	.926

FIELDING—PITCHERS—Continued.

	Games.	Put out.	Assists.	Total Errors.	Total chances.	Per cent.
Gavin, Brooklyn	38	7	117	11	135	.919
Duggibley, Philadelphia	36	13	80	9	102	.912
Currie, St. Louis and Chicago	28	9	74	8	91	.912
Doheny, Pittsburg	27	17	86	10	113	.912
Jones, Brooklyn	38	13	75	9	97	.907
Phillips, Cincinnati	16	3	45	5	53	.906
Weimer, Chicago	35	20	66	9	95	.905
Sparks, Philadelphia	28	14	59	8	81	.901
Menefee, Chicago	20	13	56	8	77	.896
Malarkey, Boston	32	16	75	11	102	.892
McGinnity, New York	55	31	94	16	141	.887
Rhoades, St. Louis	17	2	29	4	35	.886
O'Neill, M. J., St. Louis	19	6	39	6	51	.882
Pittenger, Boston	44	14	84	15	113	.867
Wicker, St. Louis and Chicago	33	13	45	9	67	.866
Mitchell, Philadelphia	28	10	50	10	70	.857
Platt, Boston	25	3	37	9	49	.816

CATCHERS.

	Games.	Put out.	Assists.	Passed Errors.	Total balls.	Total chances.	Per cent.
Warner, New York ..	85	450	123	8	4	585	.979
Zimmer, Philadelphia ..	35	162	50	7	2	221	.959
Kling, Chicago	132	565	189	24	9	787	.958
Weaver, St. Lo., Pitts.,	31	135	44	5	3	187	.957
Kittredge, Boston	30	160	42	4	5	211	.957
Bowerman, New York.	55	316	66	9	10	401	.953
Smith, Pittsburg	60	259	75	9	8	351	.952
Bergen, Cincinnati	58	251	85	7	10	353	.952
Ryan, St. Louis	47	168	65	7	5	245	.951
Jacklitsch, Brooklyn ..	53	201	71	7	7	286	.951
Phelps, Pittsburgh	76	315	81	8	13	417	.950
O'Neill, J. J., St. L.	74	348	135	14	13	510	.947
Hearne, Brooklyn	17	69	27	4	2	102	.941
Peitz, Cincinnati	78	365	93	14	17	489	.937
Ritter, Brooklyn	74	309	80	25	2	416	.935
Moran, Boston	107	400	214	24	24	662	.927
Roth, Philadelphia	60	235	82	22	8	347	.914
Doolin, Philadelphia	51	186	82	17	10	295	.908

National League Pitchers' Record

Games won and lost with percentage of victories of all pitchers who participated in the championship campaign of 1903.

Name and Club.	No. Games Pitched In.	Games Won.	Games Lost,	Tie Games.	P.C. of Vic.
Ames, New York	2	2	0	0	1.000
Leever, Pittsburg	36	25	7	1	.781
Winham, Pittsburg	5	3	1	0	.750
Thatcher, Brooklyn	4	3	1	0	.750
Phillippe, Pittsburg	36	25	9	0	.735
Weimer, Chicago	35	20	8	1	.714
Mathewson, New York	45	30	13	1	.698
Wicker, St. Louis, Chicago	33	20	9	0	.690
Doheny, Pittsburg	27	16	8	0	.667
Hahn, Cincinnati	34	22	12	0	.647
Suthoff, Cincinnati	30	16	9	0	.640
Schmidt, Brooklyn	40	22	13	1	.629
Veil, Pittsburg	12	5	3	0	.625
Wilhelm, Pittsburg	12	5	3	0	.625
McGinnity, New York	55	31	20	0	.608
Taylor, J., Chicago	37	21	14	0	.600
Cronin, New York	20	6	4	1	.600
Kennedy, Pittsburg	18	9	6	0	.600
Jones, Brooklyn	38	19	14	1	.576
Lundgren, Chicago	27	11	9	0	.550
Phillips, Cincinnati	16	7	6	0	.538
Ewing, Cincinnati	29	14	13	1	.519
Taylor, L., New York	33	13	13	0	.500
Thompson, Pittsburg	5	2	2	0	.500
Hardy, Chicago	3	1	1	0	.500
Harper, Cincinnati	17	8	9	0	.471
Reidy, Brooklyn	15	6	7	1	.461
Garvin, Brooklyn	38	15	18	0	.455
Pittenger, Boston	44	18	22	1	.450
Duggleby, Philadelphia	36	13	16	0	.448
Menefee, Chicago	20	8	10	0	.444
Carney, Boston	10	4	5	1	.444
Dunleavy, St. Louis	14	6	8	0	.429
Sparks, Philadelphia	28	11	15	1	.423
Williams, Chic., Phila., Boston	13	5	7	0	.417
Fraser, Philadelphia	31	12	17	2	.414

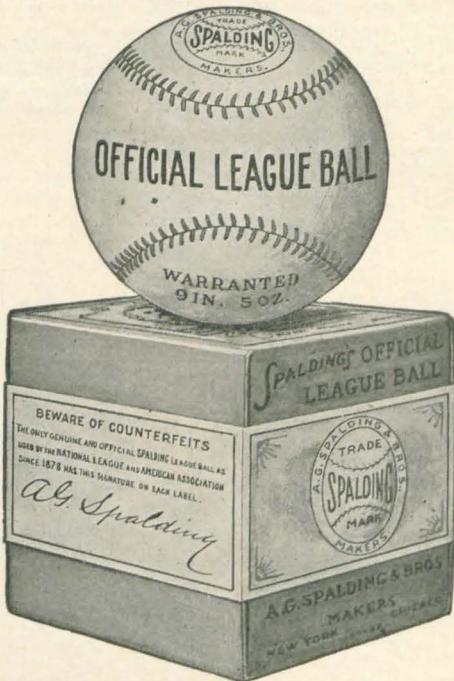
PITCHERS' RECORD—(Continued).

Name and Club.	No. Games Pitched In.	Games Won.	Games Lost.	Tie Games.	P.C. of Vic.
Brown, St. Louis	26	9	13	0	.409
Mitchell, Philadelphia	28	11	16	1	.408
Malarkey, Boston	32	11	16	0	.407
Willis, Boston	33	12	18	0	.400
Piatt, Boston	25	9	14	0	.391
Rhoades, St. Louis	17	5	8	0	.385
Evans, Brooklyn	15	5	9	0	.357
Poole, Cincinnati	25	7	13	1	.350
Murphy, St. Louis	16	4	8	0	.333
McFarland, St. Louis	28	9	19	0	.321
Miller, New York	15	2	5	0	.286
Currie, St. Louis, Chicago	28	5	14	0	.263
Hackett, St. Louis	7	1	3	1	.250
O'Neill, St. Louis	19	4	13	0	.235
Falkenberg, Pittsburg	10	1	5	0	.167
Sanders, St. Louis	8	1	6	0	.143
McFetridge, Philadelphia	14	1	11	0	.083
Betts, St. Louis	1	0	1	0	.000
Graham, Chicago	1	0	1	0	.000
Hines, St. Louis	1	0	1	0	.000
Moren, Pittsburg	1	0	1	0	.000
Scanlon, Pittsburg	1	0	1	0	.000
Yerkes, St. Louis	1	0	1	0	.000
Wiggs, Cincinnati	2	0	1	0	.000
Moran, St. Louis	3	0	1	1	.000
Doscher, Chicago, Brooklyn	4	0	1	0	.000
Vickers, Brooklyn	4	0	1	0	.000
Ragan, Cincinnati	3	0	2	0	.000
Burchell, Philadelphia	6	0	3	0	.000
Thielman, Brooklyn	4	0	3	0	.000
Pfiester, Pittsburg	3	0	3	0	.000
McLaughlin, Philadelphia	3	0	3	0	.000
Washburn, Philadelphia	4	0	4	0	.000
Lovett, St. Louis	3	0	0	0	.000
Bartley, New York	1	0	0	0	.000
Hooker, Cincinnati	1	0	0	0	.000
Merritt, Pittsburg	1	0	0	0	.000
Milton, St. Louis	1	0	0	0	.000
Pounds, Brooklyn	1	0	0	0	.000
Stanley, Boston	1	0	0	0	.000
Taylor, St. Louis	1	0	0	0	.000

Of the last eight, Lovett pitched in parts of three games; the others pitched part of one game only.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE FOR THE SEASON OF 1904

CLUBS	At Boston	At Brooklyn	At New York	At Philadelphia	At Pittsburgh	At Chicago	At Cincinnati	At St. Louis
Boston . . .			Apr. 18, 19, 20 May 30, 31 June 25, 27 July 30, Aug. 1	Apr. 28, 29, 30 June 29, July 1, 2, Sept. Oct. 6, 7, 8 Aug. 15, 16, 17 Sept. 3, 5, 6, 7, Sept. 8, 9, 10	Apr. 14, 15, 16 May 27, 28 June 16, 17, 18 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Aug. 26, 27, 28 Sept. 17, 18, 19, 20 Oct. 26, 27, Sept. 16	May 24, 25, 26 July 8, 9, 10 Aug. 30, 31 Sept. 1, 2 Oct. 11, 12, 13 Nov. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Dec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	May 7, 8, 9, 10 July 19, 20, 21, 22 Aug. 23, 24, Aug. 27, Sept. 1, 2 Sept. 21, 22 Oct. 11, 12, 13 Nov. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Dec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	May 16, 17, 18 July 19, 20, 21, 22 Aug. 24, 25, 26 Sept. 1, 2 Oct. 21, 22 Nov. 22, 23 Dec. 22, 23
Brooklyn . . .								
New York . .	May 2, 3, 4, 5 June 21, 22, 23, 24 July 12, 13, 14, 15 Aug. 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Oct. 12, 13, 14, 15 Nov. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Apr. 14, 15, 16 May 25, 26, 27, 28 June 21, 22, 23, 24 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Oct. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	Apr. 20, 21, 22, 23 May 19, 20, 21, 22 June 19, 20, 21, 22 July 19, 20, 21, 22 Aug. 19, 20, 21, 22 Sept. 19, 20, 21, 22 Oct. 19, 20, 21, 22	May 16, 17, 18 June 16, 17, 18 July 16, 17, 18 Aug. 16, 17, 18 Sept. 16, 17, 18 Oct. 16, 17, 18 Nov. 16, 17, 18	May 20, 21, 22 June 20, 21, 22 July 20, 21, 22 Aug. 20, 21, 22 Sept. 20, 21, 22 Oct. 20, 21, 22 Nov. 20, 21, 22	May 11, 12, 13 June 11, 12, 13 July 11, 12, 13 Aug. 11, 12, 13 Sept. 11, 12, 13 Oct. 11, 12, 13 Nov. 11, 12, 13	May 7, 8, 9, 10 June 7, 8, 9, 10 July 7, 8, 9, 10 Aug. 7, 8, 9, 10 Sept. 7, 8, 9, 10 Oct. 7, 8, 9, 10 Nov. 7, 8, 9, 10	May 11, 12, 13 June 11, 12, 13 July 11, 12, 13 Aug. 11, 12, 13 Sept. 11, 12, 13 Oct. 11, 12, 13 Nov. 11, 12, 13
Philadelphia.	June 17, 18, 19, 20 July 26, 27, 28 Aug. 29, 30	Apr. 28, 29, 30 June 21, 22, 23, 24 July 21, 22, 23, 24 Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	July 21, 22, 23, 24 Aug. 21, 22, 23, 24 Sept. 21, 22, 23, 24 Oct. 21, 22, 23, 24	May 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 June 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 July 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Aug. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Oct. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	May 11, 12, 13 June 11, 12, 13 July 11, 12, 13 Aug. 11, 12, 13 Sept. 11, 12, 13 Oct. 11, 12, 13	May 20, 21, 22 June 20, 21, 22 July 20, 21, 22 Aug. 20, 21, 22 Sept. 20, 21, 22 Oct. 20, 21, 22	May 16, 17, 18 June 16, 17, 18 July 16, 17, 18 Aug. 16, 17, 18 Sept. 16, 17, 18 Oct. 16, 17, 18	May 16, 17, 18 June 16, 17, 18 July 16, 17, 18 Aug. 16, 17, 18 Sept. 16, 17, 18 Oct. 16, 17, 18
Pittsburgh . . .	June 10, 11, 12, 13 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Aug. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 Sept. 15, 28, 29, 30	June 1, 2, 3, 4 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	June 6, 7, 8, 9 July 6, 7, 8, 9 Aug. 6, 7, 8, 9 Sept. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	June 10, 11, 12, 13 July 10, 11, 12, 13 Aug. 10, 11, 12, 13 Sept. 10, 11, 12, 13 Oct. 10, 11, 12, 13	June 1, 2, 3, 4 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	June 25, 26, 27, 28 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Aug. 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 25, 26, 27, 28 Oct. 25, 26, 27, 28	Apr. 18, 19, 20, 21 May 18, 19, 20, 21 June 18, 19, 20, 21 July 18, 19, 20, 21 Aug. 18, 19, 20, 21 Sept. 18, 19, 20, 21	Apr. 15, 16, 17, 18 May 15, 16, 17, 18 June 15, 16, 17, 18 July 15, 16, 17, 18 Aug. 15, 16, 17, 18 Sept. 15, 16, 17, 18
Chicago . . .	June 14, 15, 16 July 16, 17, 18 Aug. 16, 17, 18 Sept. 1, 3, 4, 5 Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	June 6, 7, 8, 9 July 6, 7, 8, 9 Aug. 6, 7, 8, 9 Sept. 23, 24, 25, 26 Oct. 23, 24, 25, 26	June 10, 11, 12, 13 July 10, 11, 12, 13 Aug. 10, 11, 12, 13 Sept. 10, 11, 12, 13 Oct. 10, 11, 12, 13	June 1, 2, 3, 4 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	June 25, 26, 27, 28 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Aug. 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 25, 26, 27, 28 Oct. 25, 26, 27, 28	Apr. 25, 26, 27, 28 May 25, 26, 27, 28 June 25, 26, 27, 28 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Aug. 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 25, 26, 27, 28	Apr. 28, 29, 30 May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	
Cincinnati . .	June 6, 7, 8, 9 Aug. 6, 7, 8, 9 Sept. 23, 24, 25, 26	June 14, 15, 16 Aug. 16, 17, 18 Oct. 1, 3, 4, 5	June 1, 2, 3, 4 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Oct. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	June 10, 11, 12, 13 July 10, 11, 12, 13 Aug. 10, 11, 12, 13 Sept. 10, 11, 12, 13 Oct. 10, 11, 12, 13	June 25, 26, 27, 28 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Aug. 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 25, 26, 27, 28 Oct. 25, 26, 27, 28	Apr. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 May 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 June 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 July 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 Aug. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 Sept. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18	Apr. 28, 29, 30 May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	
St. Louis . . .	June 1, 2, 3, 4 Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 15, 16, 17, 18 Oct. 20, 21, 22	June 10, 11, 12, 13 Aug. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 Sept. 15, 16, 17, 18 Oct. 28, 29, 30	June 6, 7, 8, 9 July 6, 7, 8, 9 Aug. 6, 7, 8, 9 Sept. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Oct. 1, 3, 4, 5	June 1, 2, 3, 4 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 15, 16, 17, 18 Oct. 15, 16, 17, 18	June 25, 26, 27, 28 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Aug. 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 25, 26, 27, 28 Oct. 25, 26, 27, 28	Apr. 25, 26, 27, 28 May 25, 26, 27, 28 June 25, 26, 27, 28 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Aug. 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 25, 26, 27, 28	Apr. 28, 29, 30 May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	



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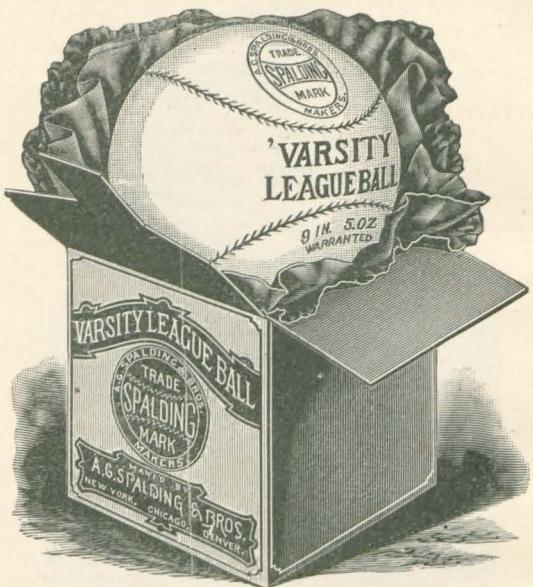
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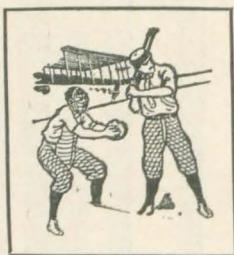
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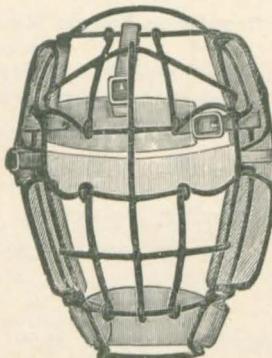
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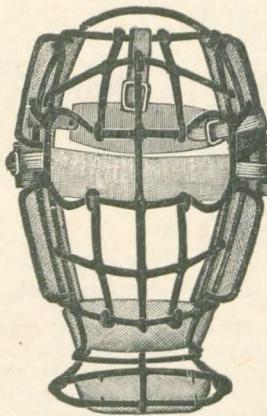
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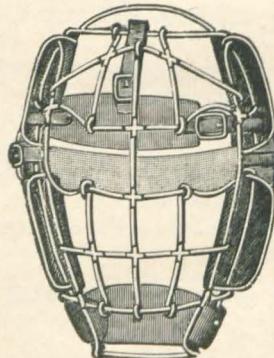
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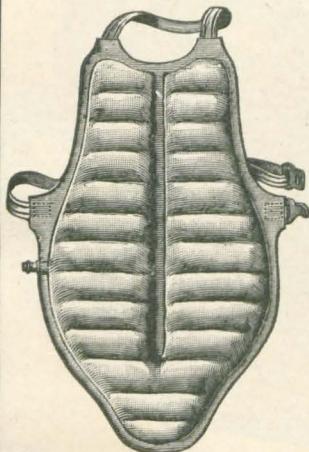
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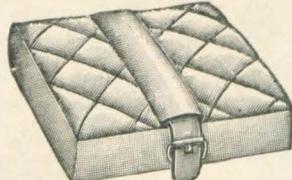
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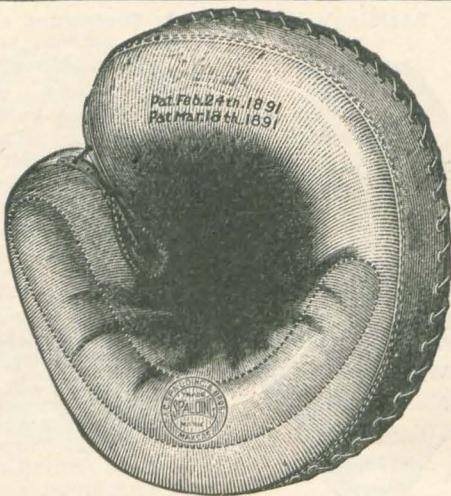
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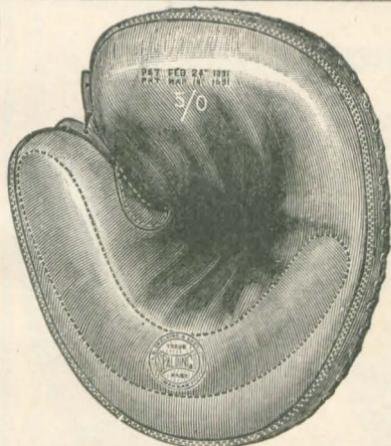
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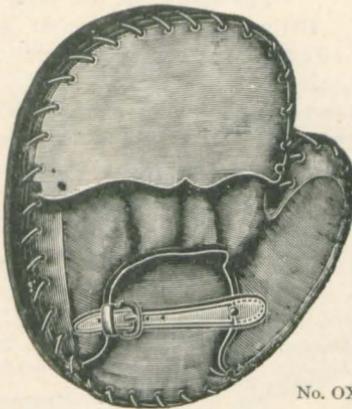
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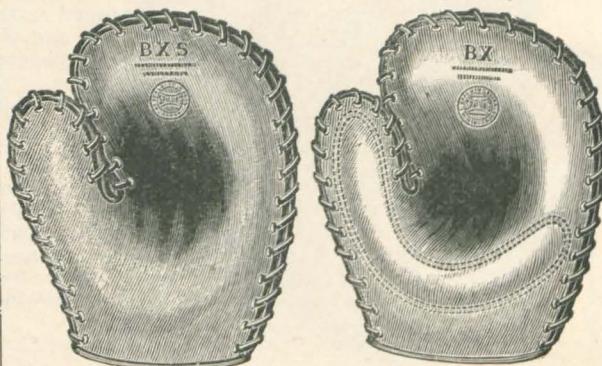
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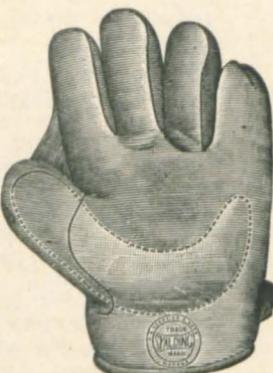
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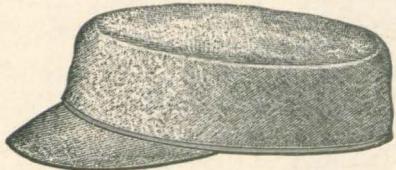
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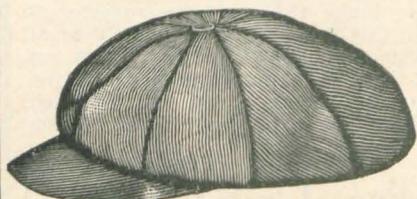
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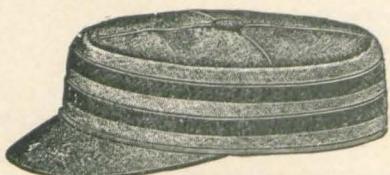
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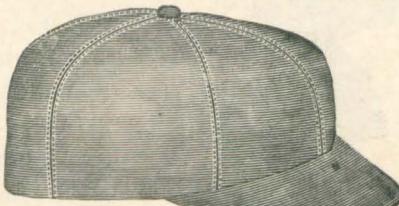
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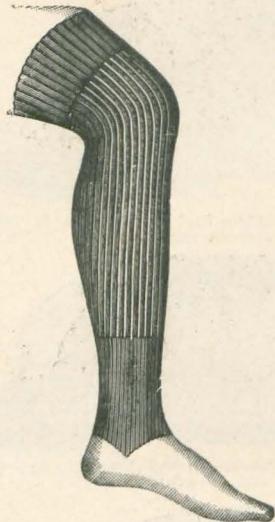
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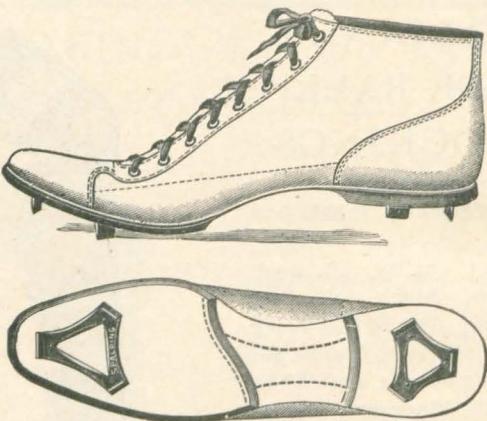
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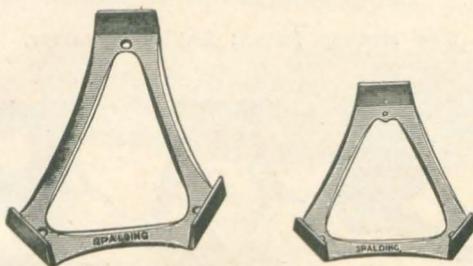
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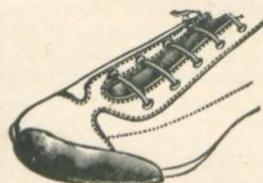
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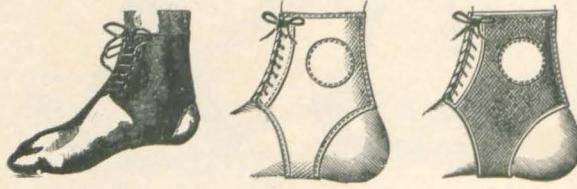
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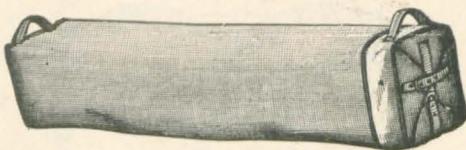
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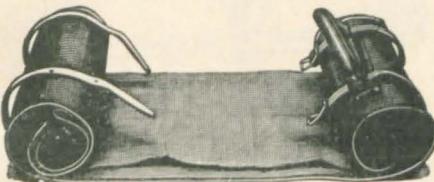


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